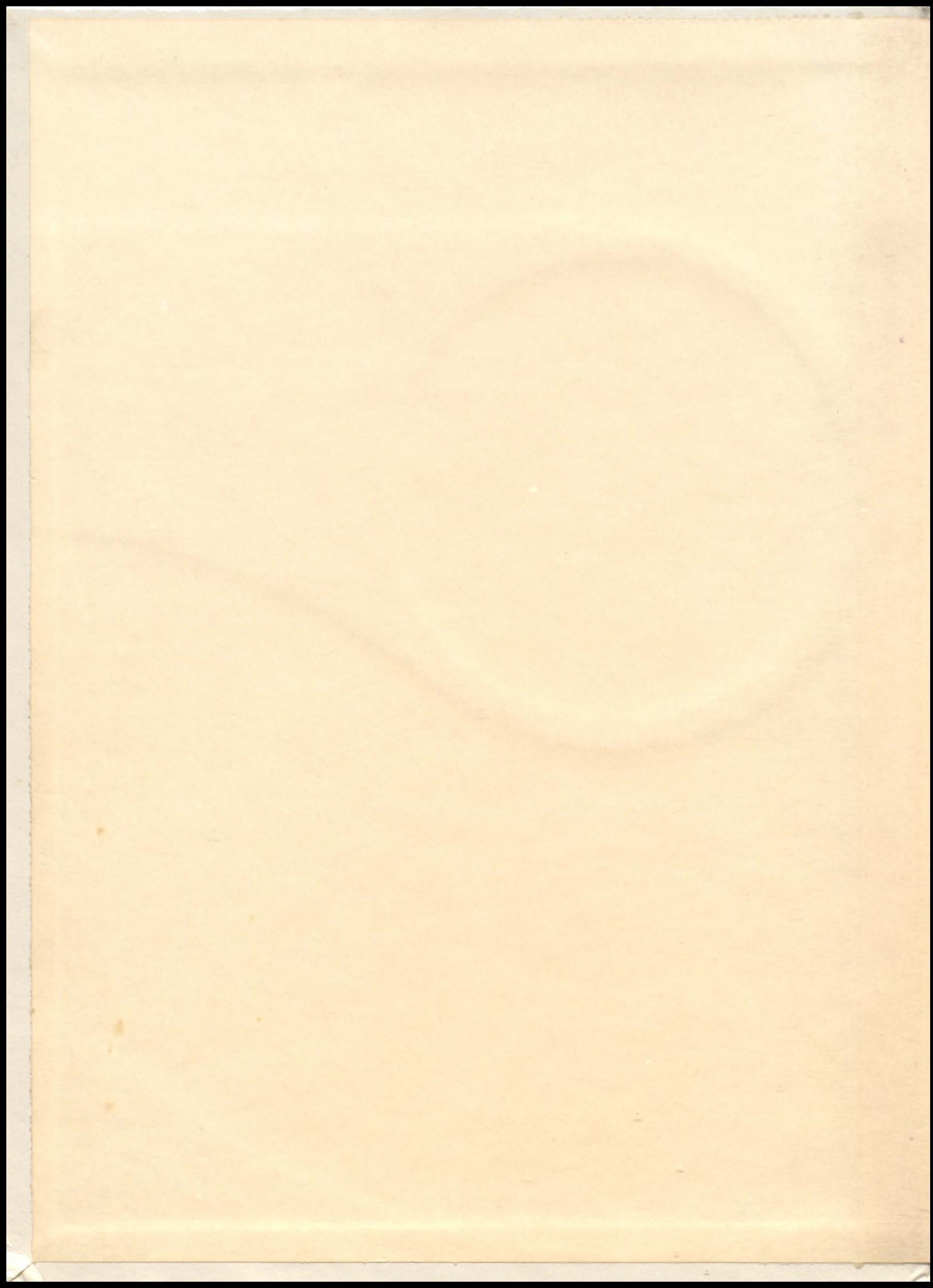
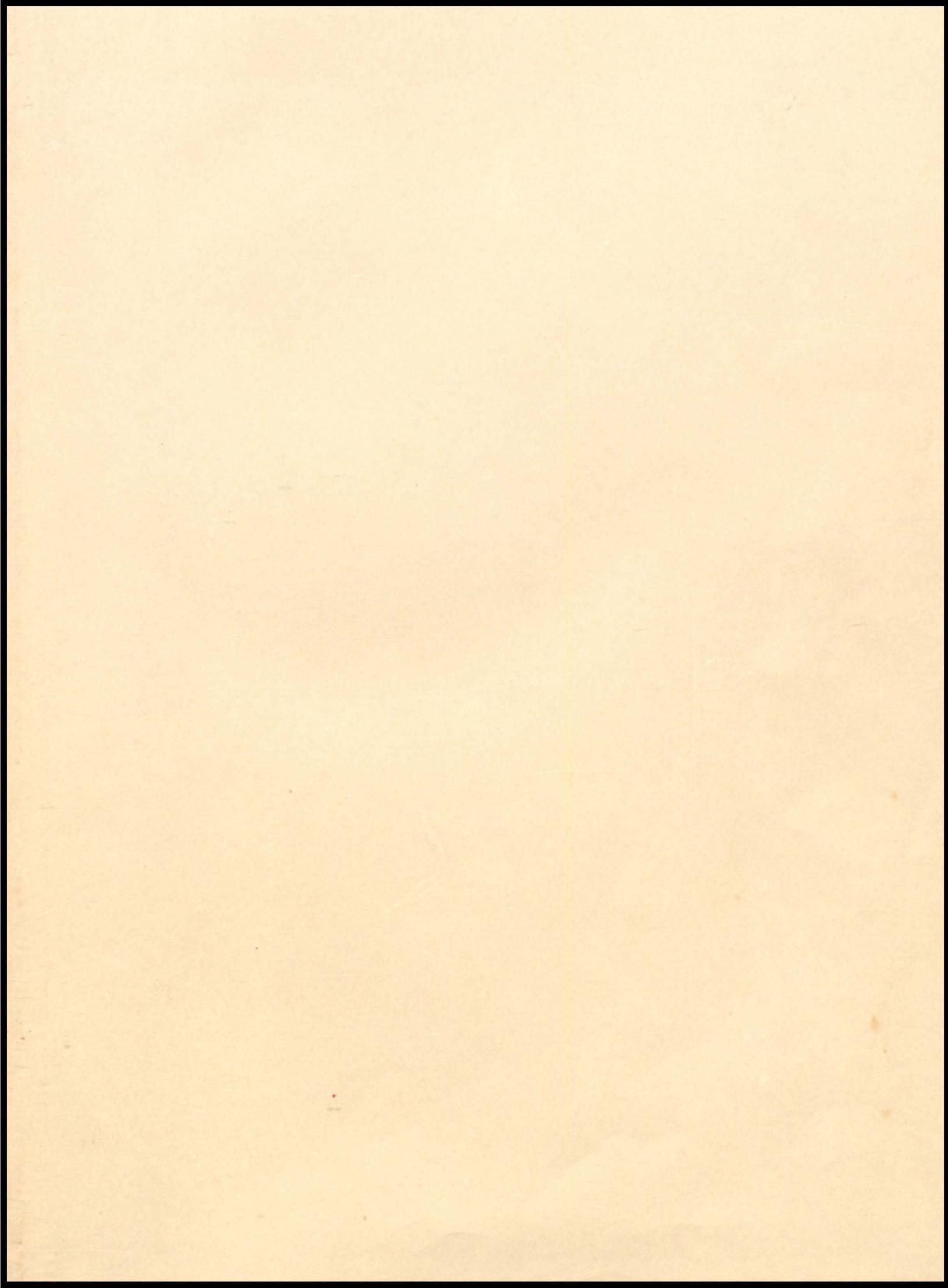


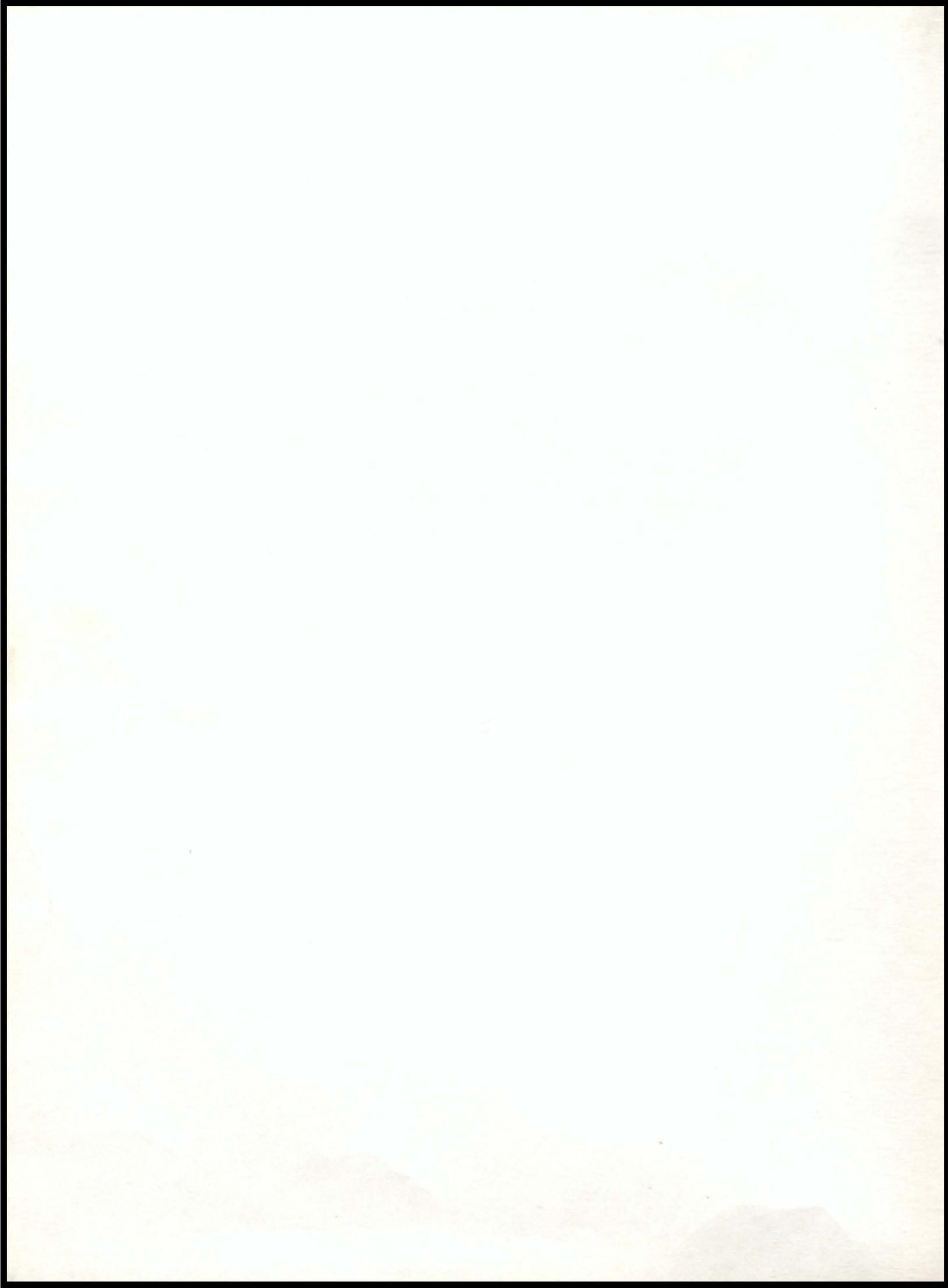
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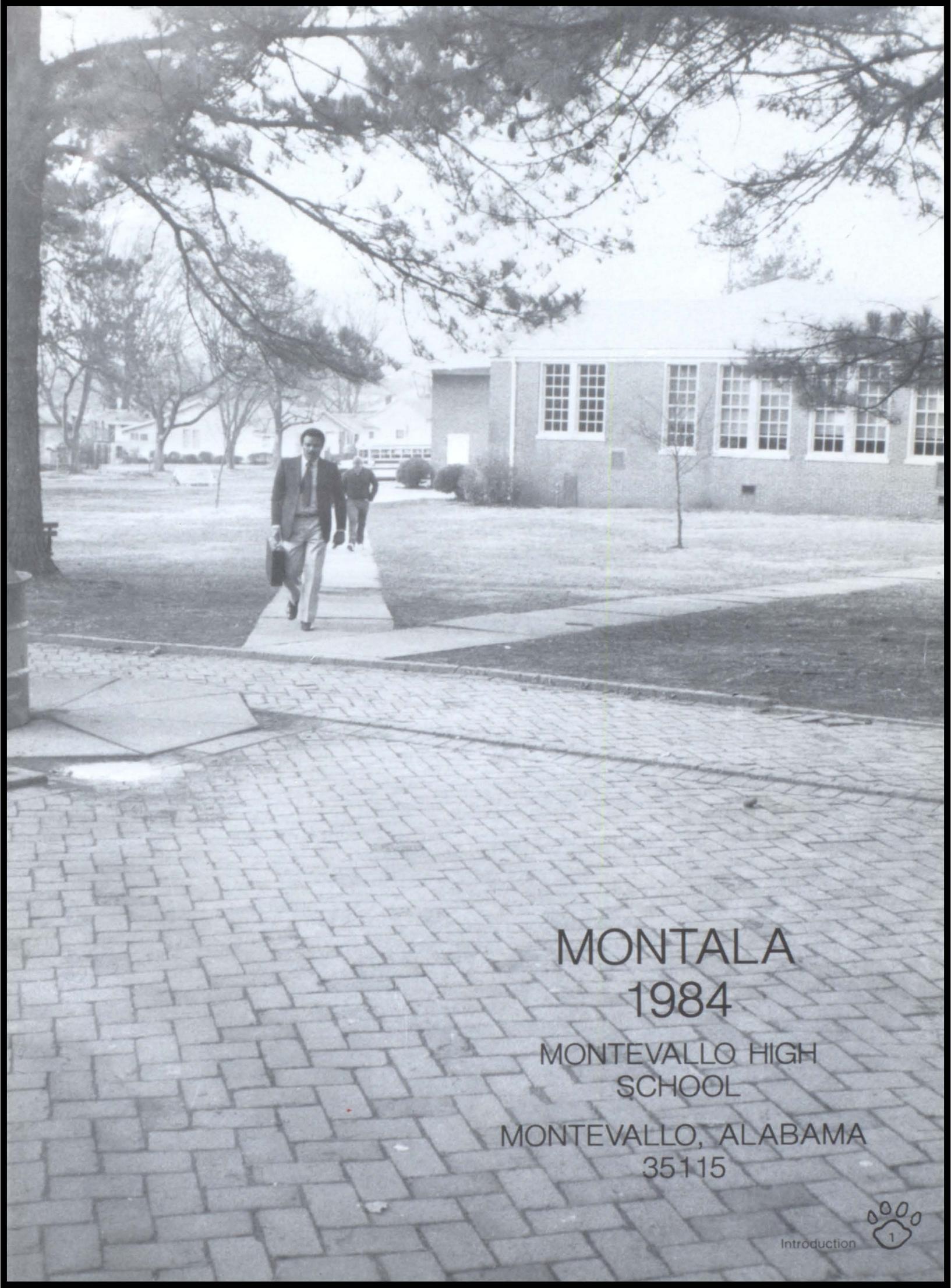


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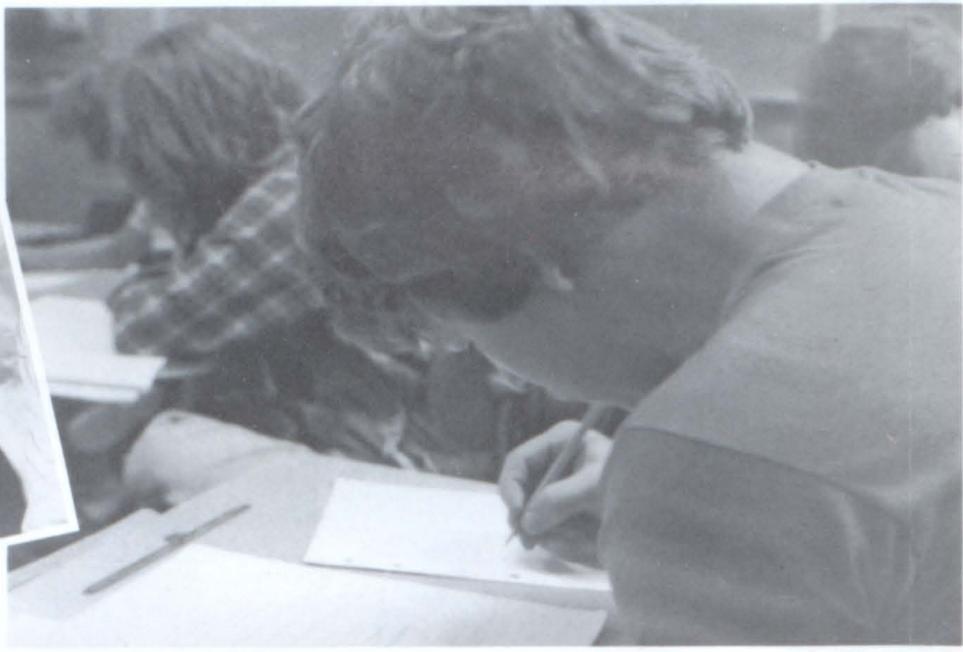




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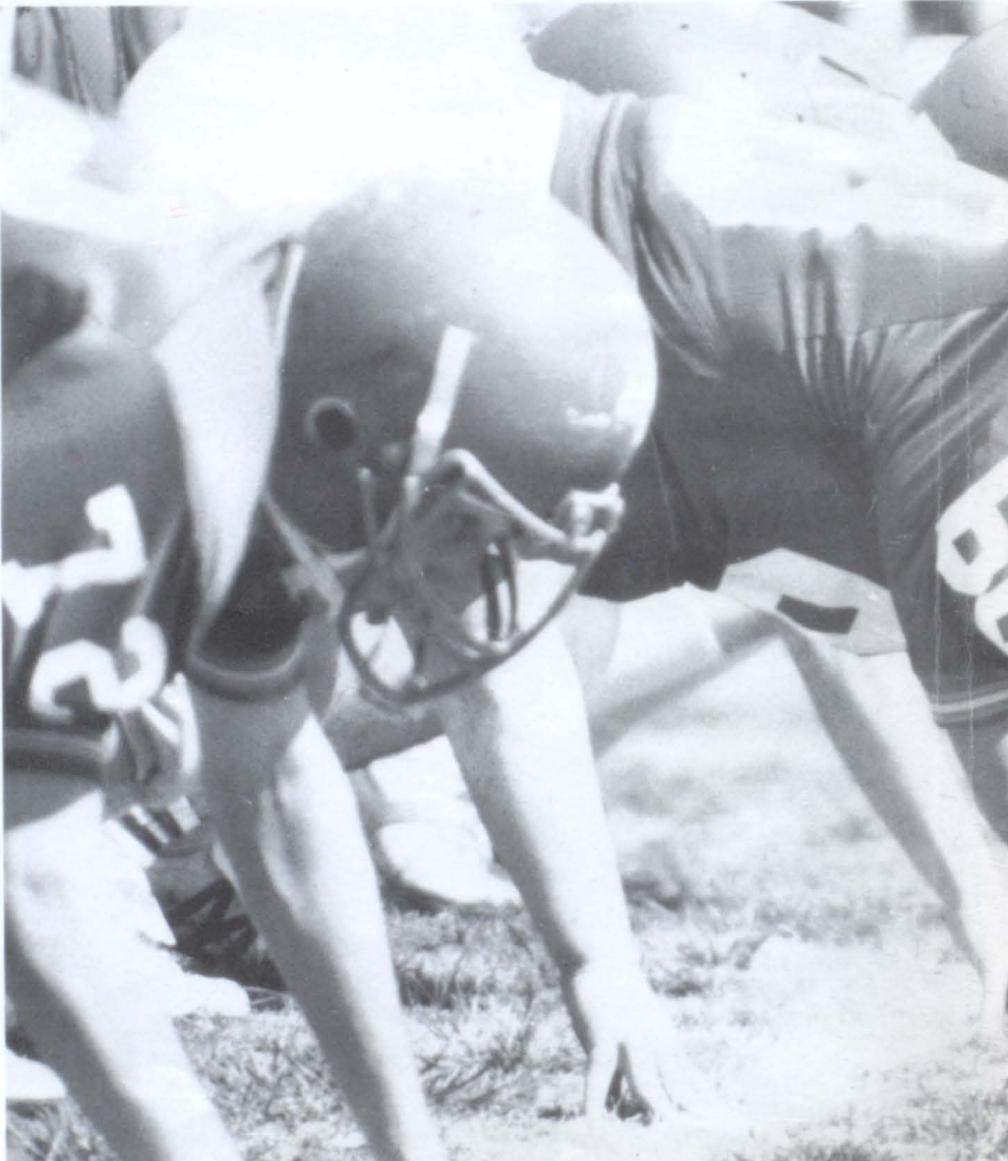
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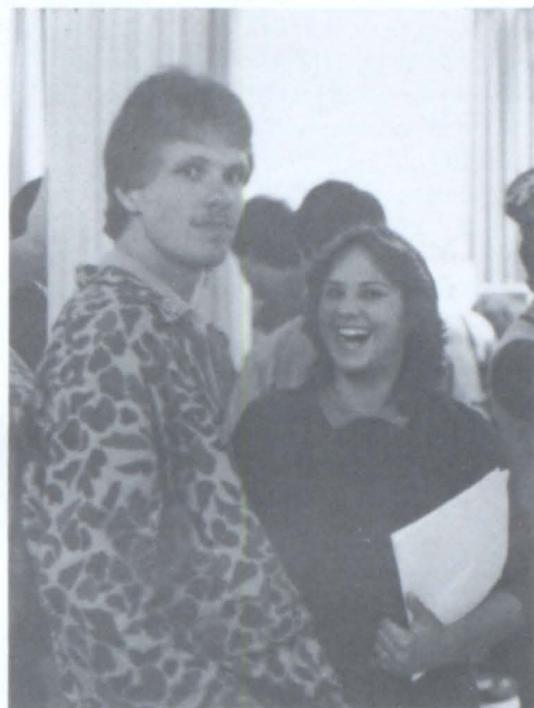
Teacher involvement and support at sporting events helps to boost spirit as shown by Johnny McClain.

Sophomore Sean Roberts exhibits another "angle" of education while taking a Geometry Exam.

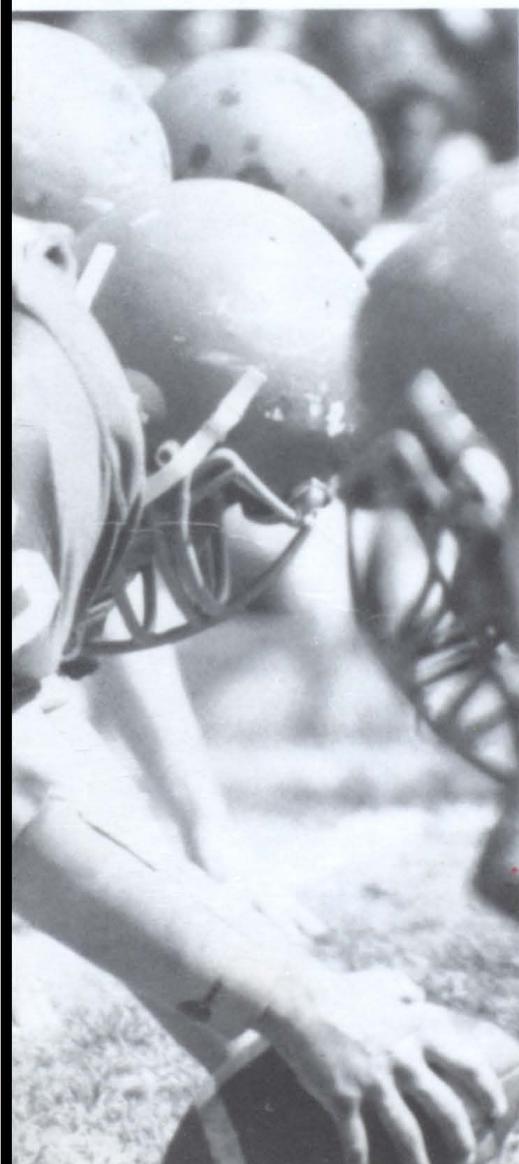
The 1983 football season began with a few sparks in spring training, burned in the August heat, and lept into flames as the Bulldogs finished 4th in the state.



BEGINS!!!



Junior couple Shawn Dennis and Robin Miller obviously enjoy themselves at University of Montevallo's annual College Day.



"One day Van Halen will open for US!," quips Senior Tracy Smitherman as he and fellow Senior Gitarist Larry Readal reflect upon how it feels to be in the limelight.

As a symbol of allegiance, Junior Trey Hughes and Freshman Cathy Anderson tie an Auburn bandana around Junior Johnny Holsombeck's head preceeding the Auburn v. Alabama football game.

A Little History Of M.H.S.

In 1930, Montevallo High School was moved from Reynolds Hall, on the University Campus, to its present site. In 1939, the Alice Boyd Building was added to the high school facilities to house the seventh and the eighth grades. With the integration of public schools in 1970, the formerly all black Prentice High School became Montevallo Middle School. Several years later, the eighth grade was also included in the Middle School, leaving the high school as it presently stands with the ninth thru the twelfth grades.

A New Beginning

EXCITE — to put into motion or activity; to provoke; to call forth; to stir up . . . And stir up is exactly what the Bulldogs did as they burst into this season with the winning attitude. They put their all into motion and created a new unity within our school. The pride and spirit glowed everyday in every athlete, cheerleader, bandmember, teacher student, and community member. What an exciting way to begin a new year and possibly a new tradition!

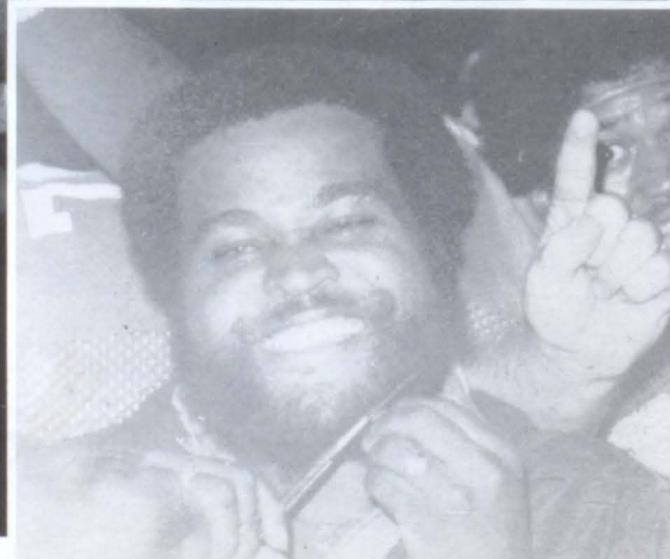
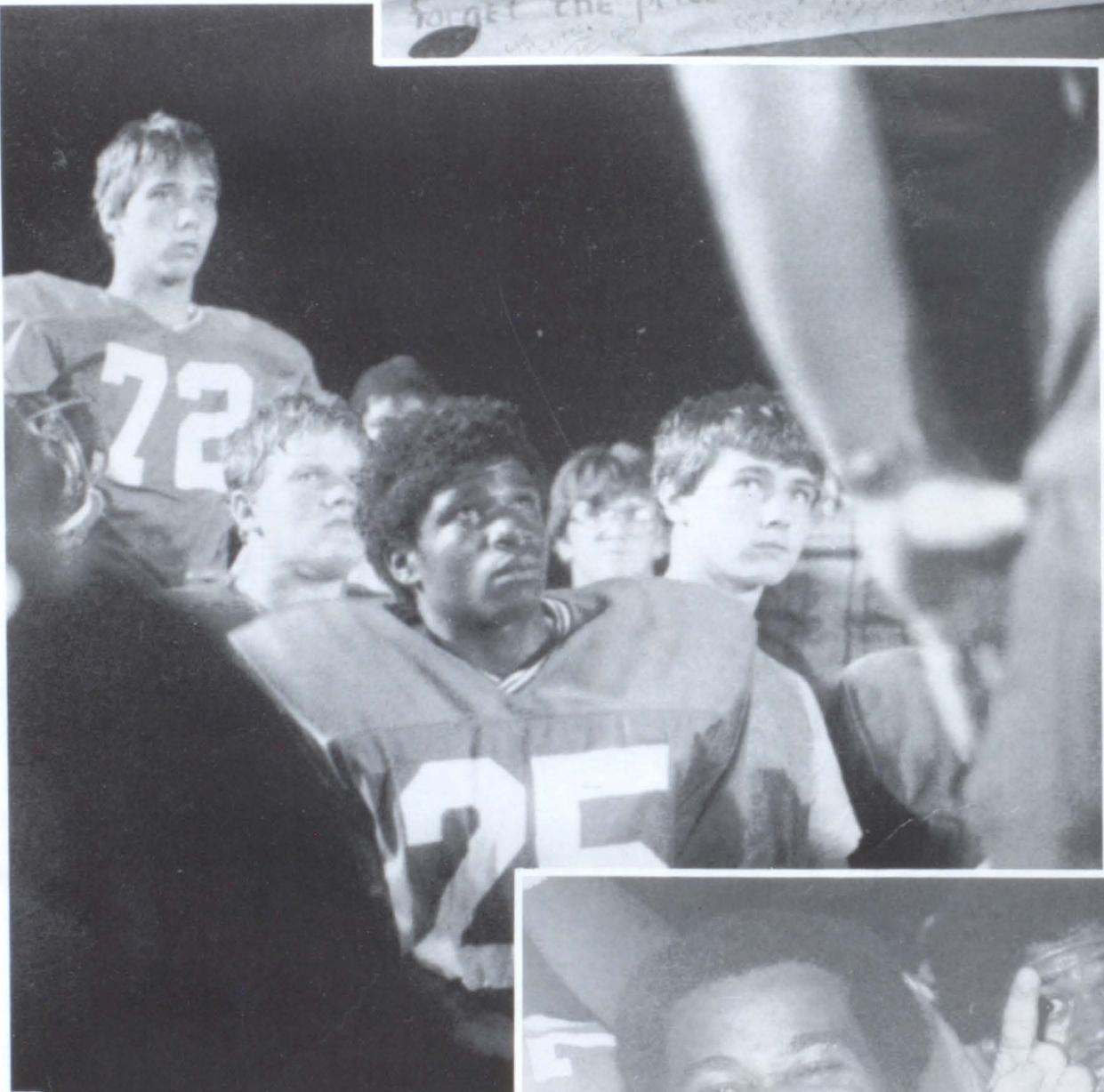
Alumni cheerleaders return to boost spirits for the Bulldogs' last playoff game.

All attention is on Coach Richard Gilliam as he offers consolation after the Thompson defeat.

Coach Bobby Pierson happily keeps his promise to trade his beard for an outstanding 27 to 7 victory over Jemison.

There need not be any words, for the scoreboard says it all on the Bulldogs' victory over B.B. Commer.

This is the beginning of a NEW day.
God has given our Bulldogs this day to us
as they will. . .
What they do today is very important because
they are EXchanging a day of their life for
when tomorrow comes, this day will be gone
forever leaving something in its place that
they traded for it.
Our Bulldogs want it to be a gain, not a loss.
Success not failure, in order that they shall
forget the price they paid for it!!!



Sports

We
want
it!

Contents:

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Blood, Sweat And Cheers

Taylor Blackwell

Every athlete is made in training, but because we tend to dwell on events, it is the outcome of the contest that we see and not the rigorous preparation. Before stepping into the public arena, the true athlete must be dedicated to the one goal of sport: excellence. The greek poet Hesiod wrote, "badness you can get easily, in quantity: The road is smooth and lies close by. But in front of excellence the immortal gods have put sweat, and long and steep is the way to it, and rough at first. But when you come to the top, then it is easy, even though it is hard."

On Friday nights from August 25 to November 18 the Montevallo Bulldogs were in action. Those Friday nights were the results of months and years of arduous work. It is the end results that everyone sees. They do not see the off season running, the hours and sweat put into lifting weights, the two days in 100° August weather, the agilities work-out after a two and a half hour practice, the same play done over ten times just to get one block perfect, the signal drills, or the extra running for being late to practice or breaking training rules. These are aspects of football that people do not know about.

A winning team is not made over night; it takes dedication by players and takes coaches who know when to "go for it" on fourth and four at the goal line (Shelby County), when to throw the bomb against Jemison, when to suspend players and when to show love, understanding and at times disgust.

The ten and two Bulldogs have been called by some the best in Montevallo's history and called "Awesome" by the newspapers. Coach Gilliam comments that they are the most physical team he has ever coached. Even with these lables and the years of preparation, the men in the orange and blue still did not reach their ultimate goal: 2A State Champs.

The season was a great success and did not go unnoticed by other state teams, newspapers and coaches. The Bulldogs did achieve a 4th state rating in Class 2A, named five players to the All Metro Team in Class 1, 2 and 3A, named two players to the Bir-

mingham News All State team, named five players to the All County team and had Coach Gilliam named twice Coach of the Week and Coach of the Year for Shelby County. The dogs were also Area 7 Champs and the only team in Shelby County to go to post season play.

The 1983 season came to a sudden end on November 18 when the Handley Tigers defeated the Bulldogs 34 to 14. Coach Richard Gilliam states, "These men have been winners since their Freshman year, and tonight is no different; they are still winners as far as I am concerned." The '83 'Dogs are the only MHS team to go to the State Playoffs since 1978 and with the talent that is returning next year, MHS hopes to be representing Area 7 for the second straight year.



Team captain Barry Worhey, head coach Richard Gilliam, Co-captain Jeff Chism, Tri-captain Taylor Blackwell and honorary captains Jeff Gentry, Clyde Sailes, and Dwayne Jackson led the Bulldogs to a 10-2 season.



Game I

The Bulldogs opened the season hosting the Calera Eagles in a thunderbolting storm. However, that did not stop any of the first half scrimmage. The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff punching away yardage like mad dogs, but were unable to score. The ball was turned over to Calera. From there it seemed to be a defensive battle. Early in the second quarter, as the 'Dogs continued to eat up yardage, Worthey punched in for the last eight yards to score the first touchdown. Calera, taking advantage of a Bulldog penalty, scored just before the half, making it MHS 8-CHS 6.

The frustrating weather caused the game to be postponed at the half. After a 23 hour halftime MHS returned to the field leading Calera 8-6. The Bulldogs kicked off the second half and gave the Eagles an easy three point field-goal. Not giving in the 'Dogs came back with their own score with hard running by Jeff Chism to lead Montevallo. Unable to penetrate the 'Dogs' defense, Calera turned the ball back over to MHS. The Bulldog offense picked up and hit paydirt as Keith Moore (leading ground gainer with 70 yds.) exploded into the endzone for the last MHS touchdown, making the final score Montevallo 20-Calera 9.

1983-84 Bulldogs: Bottom (l to r) J. Mayhall, A. Anderson, S. Spears, K. Lacey, R. Gaddis, T. Hughes, K. Staffney, A. Devould, Q. Chism, J. Pickett, B. Divinner, J. Sailes, A. Brinley, J. Smitherman (manager) middle: R. Ross, C. Sailes, N. Payne, D. Compton, J. Wade, C. Towner, J. Chism, A. Chism, B. Worthey, J. Gentry, D. Jackson, R. Tolbert, J. Holmsbeck, C. Roberts, J. Bates (manager) top: R. Gilliam (Head Coach) B. Peete, A. Prentice, P. Bush, F. Rutledge, T. Rutledge, L. Layton, R. Dobson, M. Jones, T. Blackwell, M. Gilbert, T. Layton, K. Moore, J. Lucas, B. Piersen (Line Coach).

After four consecutive years of Calera edging out Montevallo the Bulldogs turned the Eagles back with a 20-9 victory. Juniors Anthony Prentice and James Lucas (70) smother an opposing Eagles player.

Game II

The Bulldogs returned again to their home turf hosting the Briarwood Lions for the first time in football action.

The Bulldog offense wasted no time in showing the Lions what they had as "AMP" Prentice gained 122 yards on three carries with touchdowns runs of 84 and 30 yards. The other TD's came from Jeff Chism's 11 yard explosion and Worthey's 3 yard plunge. The defense gave the Lions no mercy and stayed after the ball all night allowing all defensive members to play. As the 'Dogs continued to over-power the Lions, Coach Richard Gilliam had the second offense and defense lead the show after half-time. Prentice's excellent show on offense earned him Back of the Week by the Birmingham News. He also did good defensive work by sacking the quarterback three times. The final score was Montevallo 26-Briarwood 6.

Bulldogs . . . On The Loose

Barry Worthey

Games III IV V

The 'Dogs traveled to Columbiana to play their third game of the year facing the Shelby County Wildcats. Both teams were undefeated at this point in the season, and it boiled down to who wanted to remain the only undefeated team in the county. The 'Dogs were tense at the beginning but loosened up after a combination of Taylor Blackwell handoffs to Jeff Chism on one scoring drive in which Chism took it in the last three yards. The Bulldogs defense stood tough and did not allow the 'Cats a single score. The only score for the cats was a blocked punt and recovery in their endzone. MHS's other scorers were Andy Chism on a pass from Terry Rutledge and Anthony Prentice on a three yard run. Rick Dobson stood

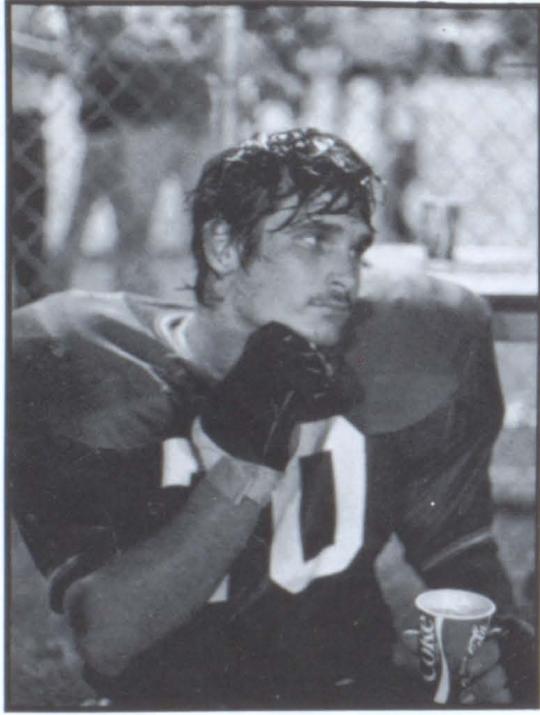
out on defense with seven individual tackles. At the final whistle it was the 'Dogs on top 20-7.

The following week the Bulldogs traveled to Alabaster to face last year's 3A State Champs, the Thompson Warriors. MHS seemed to be really fired-up, but there was little action for the 'Dogs' offense as Thompson took advantage of poor execution and stopped the Montevallo running attack. The Bulldogs'

closest penetration was to the Warrior 12 just before half-time.

For the defense it was action all night as Thompson created big plays on offense to beat the Bulldogs 20-0.

Avenging the previous week's loss Taylor Blackwell guided the Bulldogs to a 36-19 Area victory over the Chelsea Hornets. Blackwell, having only a few passes all year, hit Andy Chism for 32 yards to



Junior James Lucas takes a breather after Coach Gilliam "called off the 'Dogs" early in a 36-6 blasting of Briarwood.

Stepping up and over, "Amp" Prentice helps MHS move toward pay dirt after a 26 hour rain delay halftime against the Calera Eagles.



the Hornet's 2-yard line, where Blackwell took it in for the score. Throughout the night Blackwell handed-off to Jeff Chism who gained 129 yards and 2 touchdowns. Other scorers were Barry Worthey and "AMP" Prentice. The defense, who were not playing as well as it was capable, gave up 19 points to Chelsea.



Handing the Bulldogs to their only regular season loss Thompson passed and ran to a 20-0 victory. Barry Worthey (47) and Dwayne Jackson (33) try to defend a Warrior pass.



Games VI VII

It was a total team effort for MHS as they beat the Jemison Panthers 27-7 in a grand fought victory on September 30. Coach Richard Gilliam commented that "no one player won the game."

The 'Dogs gained a total of 374 yards against the Panthers with Senior Jeff Chism ripping off 232 of those. Chism ran touchdowns of 79, 35 and 28 yards. Along with Chism's running, Barry Worthey had a 17 yard TD. The Bulldog defense played aggressively and caused two major Jemison fumbles. Recognized for their defesnive performances, Lonnie Layton and James Lucas were named Linemen of the Week by the Birmingham News.

The following week Taylor Blackwell passed for a total of 80 yards to help give the Bulldogs a 20-6 victory over Vincent. Blackwell completed one pass to Senior Dwayne Jackson for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Vincent managed to slow the 'Dogs' running attack, but not before Jeff Chism gained a total of 107 yards. Later short yardage scores came from "AMP" Prentice and Barry Worthey.

The defense managed to give only one score on a tipped pass by an MHS defender to a Vincent player in the endzone.



Game VIII

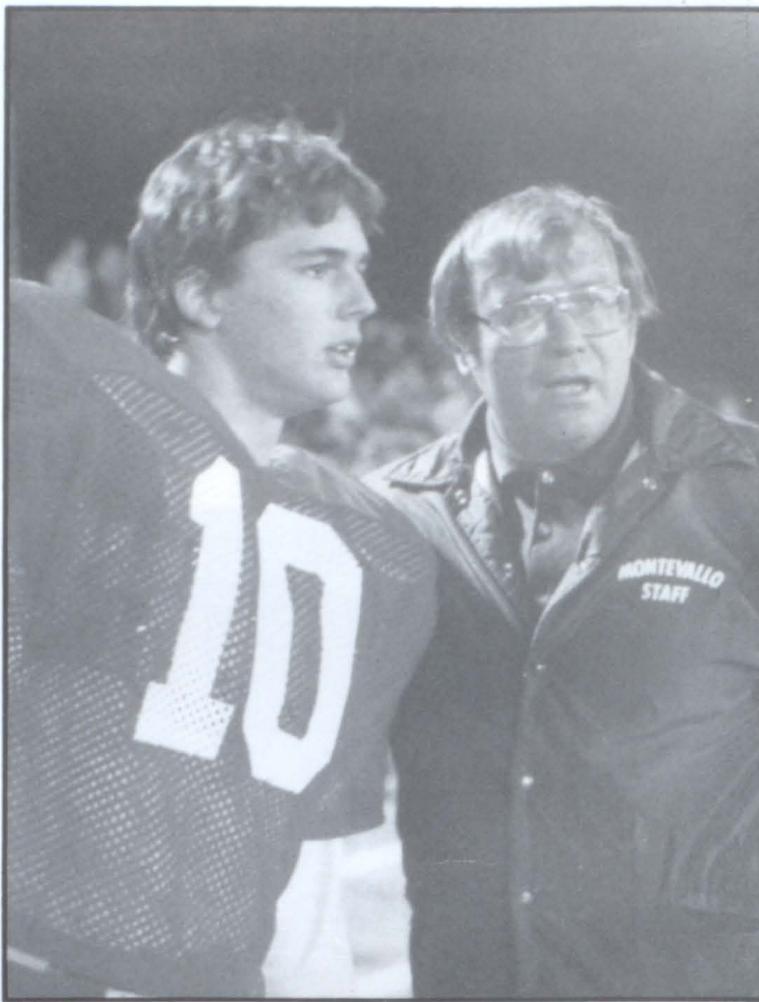
Looking forward toward more action, the Bulldogs traveled to Winterboro's territory to challenge one of its own; another Bulldog. MHS was out to prove who was the better dog. The Bulldogs wasted no time unloading their attack, romping over Winterboro 34-0 in an icy cold first half, with scoring by Senior backs Jeff Chism, Taylor Blackwell and Barry Worthey. Leading the attack, Coach Gilliam played every member on the team, giving the 'Dogs more playing experience going into the playoffs.

Reserve teams saw all the action in the second half; gaining 76 yards with Antonio Devould scoring the final six points of the night. MHS's defense played aggressively holding Winterboro to only four first downs before the half. The Winterboro 'Dogs managed to score only twice on the reserve team, making the final score 40-12.



Going up, up and away Junior Antonio Devould shows his moves to get extra yardage against the B.B. Comer Tigers.

In a first round of State blowout against the Hokes Bluff Eagles Quarterback Taylor Blackwell awaits Coach Richard Gilliam's instructions.



Game IX

Two minutes was all it took for the Bulldogs to take a substantial lead when they took on the B.B. Comer Tigers on October 21.

Senior Jeff Chism racked up two touchdowns and a two point conversion. Chism's first score came on the fourth play of the game. On the return kickoff, Comer fumbled and "AMP" Prentice recovered on the Tiger's 36. On the first play, Senior Terry Rutledge connected with Junior Andy Chism for six points. Chism then added the two-point conversion.

The Dogs' defense never allowed Comer beyond Bulldog 30-yard line. The 24-0 victory over the Tigers assured the Dogs' a place in the playoffs.

Junior Paul Bush's field goal (17 yards) was MHS's first since 1977.



Plunging forward senior Team Captain Barry Worthey helps the Bulldogs to a 40-12 rout of Winterboro and up their record to 7 and 1.

Trying Out A Dream

Game X

Playing their final game of the regular season, the Bulldogs heaped playoff intensity on West Blocton's homecoming crowd. MHS took charge beating the previously 7th ranked Tigers 27-0, crushing their playoff hopes.

Leading the offense, Junior "AMP" Prentice rushed for 108 yards, scoring two TD's. Senior quarterback Taylor Blackwell scored once and had an average of 13.8 yards a carry. The final score for MHS came from Junior Ricky Gaddis's short run.

The defense played with good intensity, holding the Tigers to minus three yards rushing, with Barry Worthey standing out on defense with 7 individual tackles, 3 assists, and a sack.

Sidelined for disciplinary actions Jeff and Andy Chism were only able to cheer as the Bulldogs played their last regular season game.

Game XI

After six years MHS returned to the playoffs to face the Hokes Bluff Eagles in the first round of State competition. The Bulldogs wasted no time to score with Taylor Blackwell taking the first honors from three yards out. Chism gained 258 yards of the 449 total (one yard short of Thomas Browns' 1977 rushing record for a single game) with touchdown runs of 1, 5, 21, and a 64 yard sprint for an average of 10.3 yards a carry. Other scores for MHS were Junior Freeman Rutledge and Paul Bush's PAT's. "The victory was a great effort by the whole team!" exclaimed Coach Gilliam, who was looking toward next week's play in the quarterfinals against the winner of the Handley-Holtville game.



Running hard, senior Jeff Chism gained 258 yards, one yard short of the MHS record set by Thomas Brown. For the season Jeff Chism ran for 1263 yards for a 6.41 yard average per carry.



The Guts To Cry

Game XII

On November 18, the Bulldogs' hopes of being State 2A football champs were crushed by the Handley Tigers at Theron Fisher Stadium. The Tigers defeated the 'Dogs 34-14 in the second round of State competition.

The Bulldogs opened up the game driving 71 yards on their first possession to go on top 7-0. Handley

showed no let up as they came back with two scores of their own. As time ran out in the half, MHS drove desperately toward the goal line in hopes of tying the score. But as the horn sounded a Blackwell pass fell to the ground uncaught, and the Bulldogs went to the dressing room six points behind.



In the second half the Tigers took advantage of crucial Bulldog mistakes to widen the lead. Knowing there was finally no chance to win, the Bulldogs still managed to suck up their pride and drive for one final touchdown, which ended with a one yard score by Jeff Chism, ending the game and their dream season.

With a season and dream coming to an end Seniors Kevin Staffney (73) and Jim Wade (78) show their emotions as Handley put the Bulldogs out of the State-Playoffs with a 34-14 victory.

The Bullpups for 1983 are row # 1 (lft. to rt.) Wes Anderson, Richard Brantly, Tim Tidwell, Danny Kelly, Charles DeVinner, Bill Wade, Chris Sailes, Eric McCord, Chris Bomar.

row # 2 Mgr. Robert Earl Ross, Shawn Johnston, Mike Kimbrell, Brian Hall, Johnny McNeil, Slade Blackwell, Dan Broadhead, Lee Jarvis, Coach Kurt Phazek.

After a very good Senior year, Rick Dobson gets a full scholarship to Southern Mississippi. Coach Richard Gilliam and parents Mr. and Mrs. Dobson attend the signing.



Coaches (front to back) Bobby Pierson, Richard Gilliam and Kurt Pnazek look on with great anticipation as their team battles Handley.

Victory Sacrificed For Experience

Although the Montevallo Bullpups finished their season on a losing note they were able to accomplish many of their goals. The main goals accomplished were conditioning, both mentally and physically and gaining playing experience.

Under the leadership of Kurt Pnazek the pups finished the season 2 wins and 4 losses, with wins coming over Briarwood and Chelsea. Leading ground gainers were Jimmy Sailes, Charles Devinner and Slade Blackwell. Leading the receivers was Danny Kelly. At the conclusion of the season several members were moved up to varsity for playing experience.



Just Getting By

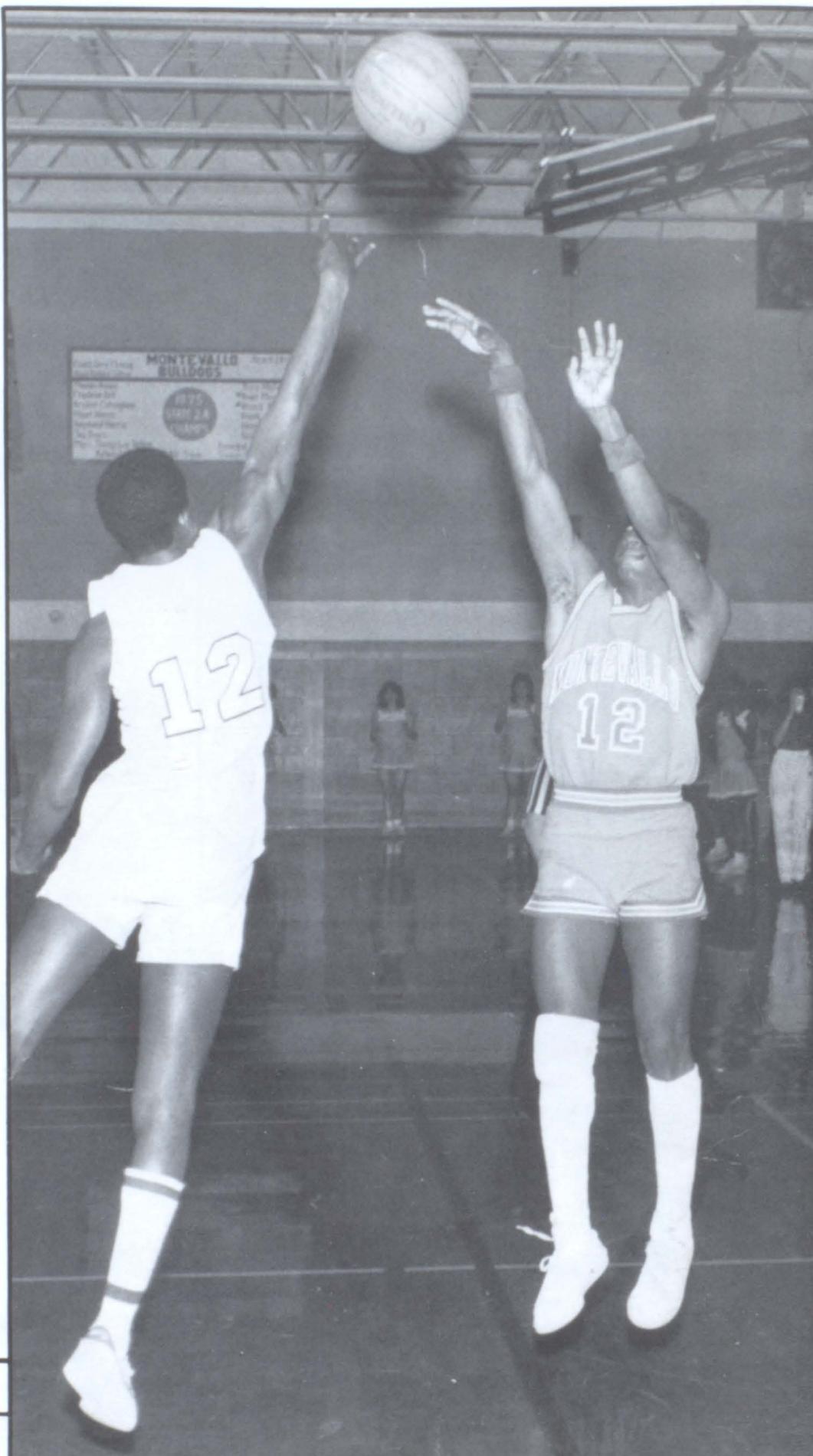
... With A Winning Season

Due to the extended football season the Basketball team was postponed from playing for about two weeks. But that did not seem to bother the round-ballers as they quickly tallied wins over Jemison, Briarwood and Chelsea. But again, as in football, Thompson ended the winning streak with an exciting 63-57 win.

Rebounding off the difficult loss the Bulldogs went on to have big wins over Maplesville and State semi-finalists, the Vincent Yellow Jackets, to post a final season record of 13 wins and 12 losses.

Not wanting to go without being noticed, the six graduating seniors had many accomplishments: Leslie Rutledge set a new assist record against Chelsea with 10 assists. Terry Rutledge was All-Tournament in the Vincent Christmas Tournament. Taylor Blackwell was All-Tournament in the Vincent Christmas, County and Area Tournaments — was named Player of the Week by the Birmingham News, was honorable mention All-Metro and Unanimous pick for All-County by the Coaches — also he is 15th on the All-Time scoring list at MHS and set a new field goal record of 80% against West Blocton. Tyrone Bell was All-Tournament in the Area tournament and was honorable mention All-County. Also the team set a new point record for a single game with a 120-70 victory over West Blocton, breaking the old record of 99 points.

Leslie Rutledge shows his shooting ability as he attempts a 20-footer over an opposing Eagle.

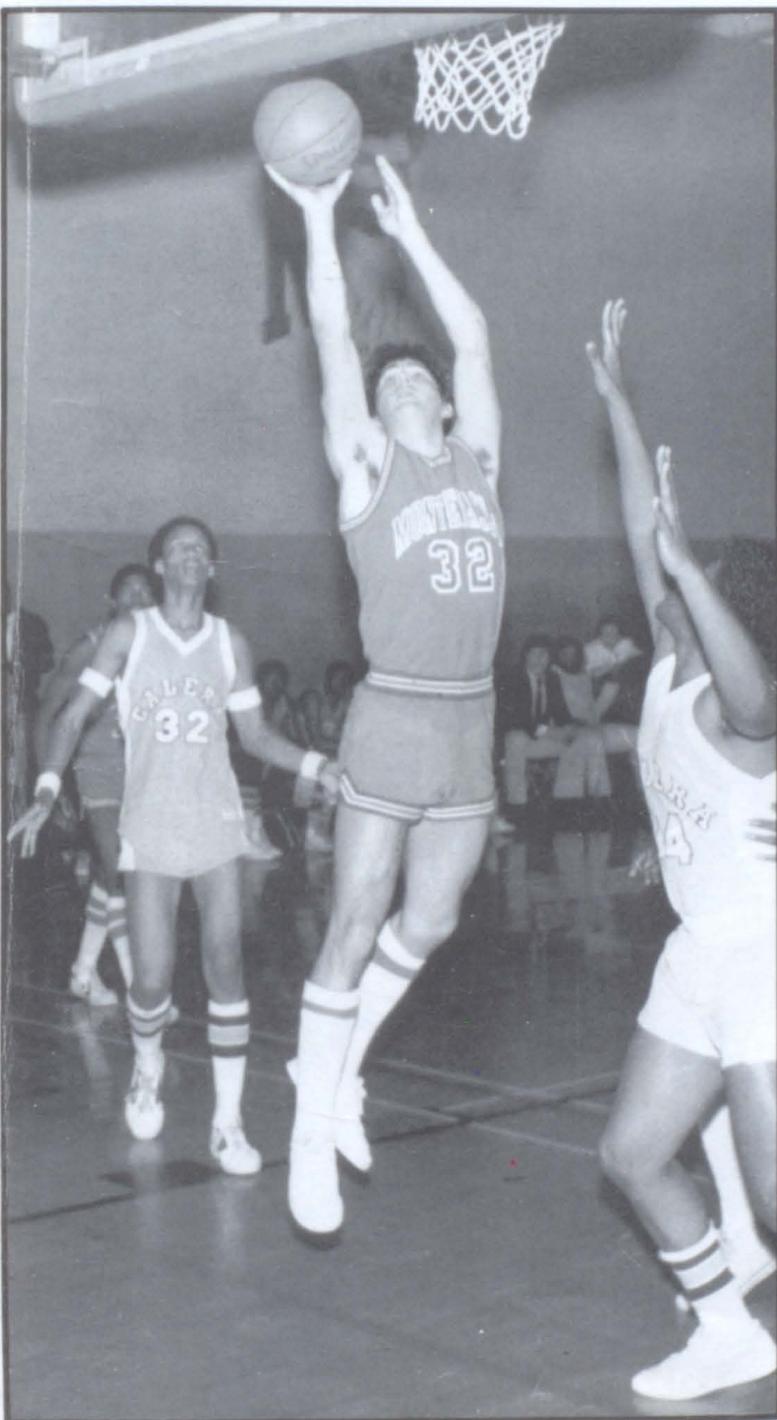




Schedule

	them	us	
Jemison	33	53	w
Briarwood	39	54	w
Chelsea	43	93	w
Thompson	63	57	l
B.B. Comer	53	49	l
Chelsea	43	58	w
Maplesville	43	47	w
Bibb County	57	46	l
West Blocton	56	60	w
Jemison	51	66	w
Banks	52	48	l
Pelham	62	53	l
Vincent	50	39	l
Briarwood	43	64	w
Pelham	66	58	l
Bibb County	58	36	l
Thompson	64	38	l
Vincent	40	41	w
Chelsea	45	68	w
Calera	51	63	w
Pelham	58	44	l
West Blocton	70	120	w
Calera	67	51	l
Chelsea	51	81	w
Vincent	54	49	l

1984 'Dogs: Carl Rutledge, Terry Rutledge, Tommy Bivins, Taylor Blackwell, Norman Grayson, Keith Moore, Tyrone Bell, Coach Kurt Pnasek, Leslie Rutledge (middle).



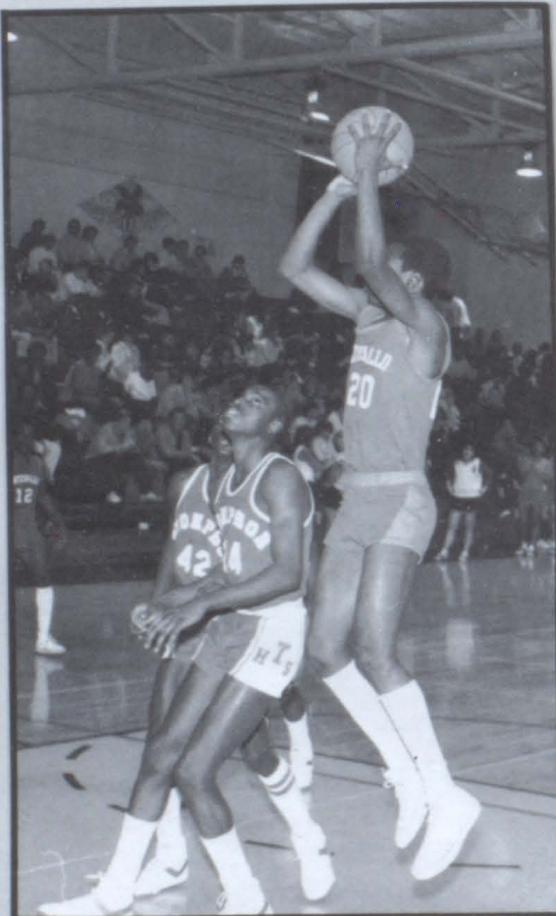
Straining every muscle, Senior Tyrone Bell attempts to distract an opposing Eagle.

Leading scorer for MHS with a 14 point average, Senior Taylor Blackwell eludes the Eagle defense for an easy layup.

Leading rebounder Senior Terry Rutledge is all alone getting this one against Pelham.



Being the only 9th grader to play varsity ever at MHS, Tommy Bivins puts up a short jumper over Thompson's Chris Thomas (24).



"Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Mo"

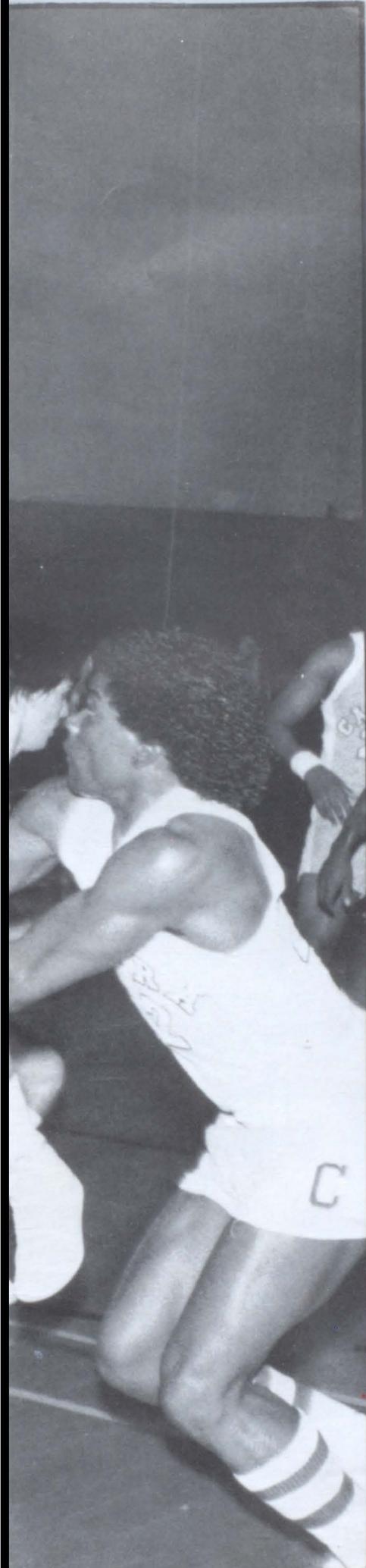
Who will stay and who will go? That was the question Coach Bobby Pierson was faced with before every game, due to players being switched back and forth between Varsity and B-team. Even with this handicap the team made it to the County finals with an upset win over Pelham. In the Championship game Montevallo was edged out by the Thompson Warriors. For their efforts in the Tournament, Slade Blackwell and Danny Holmes were named to the All-County team for MHS.

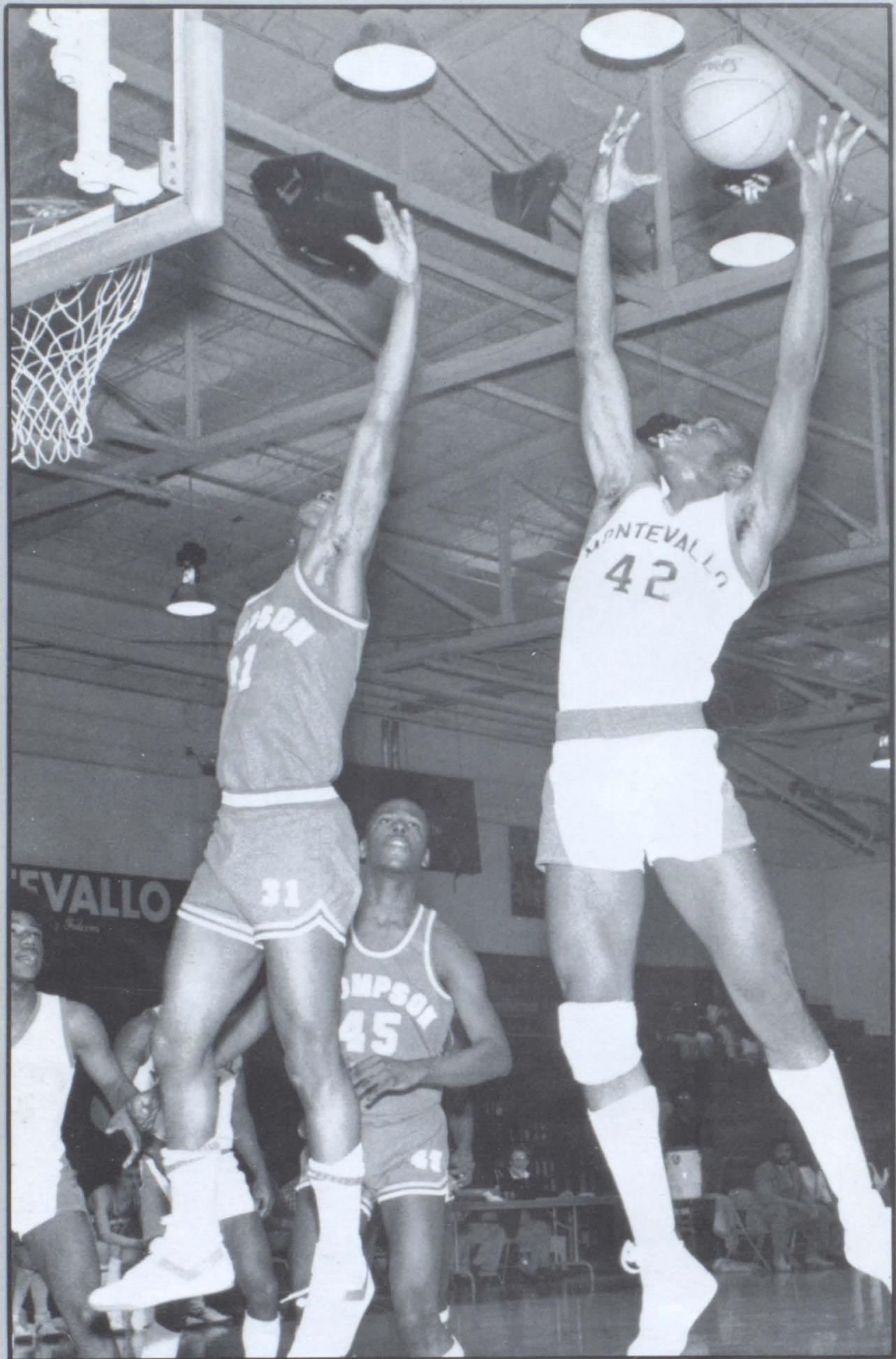
Later in the season with lots of hard work the 'Dogs took revenge for their County loss. In a hard fought game at the University of Montevallo the young B-teamers put on a show to defeat THS at the buzzer with a last second shot.



MHS B-team Basketball with a record of 10 and 12, back l to r, R. Rutledge, A. Chism, S. Nix, G. Davis, D. Holmes, Coach Bobby Pierson; front, B. Divinner, S. Blackwell, K. Lacey.

Senior Keith Moore controls the rebound against the Eagles of Calera.

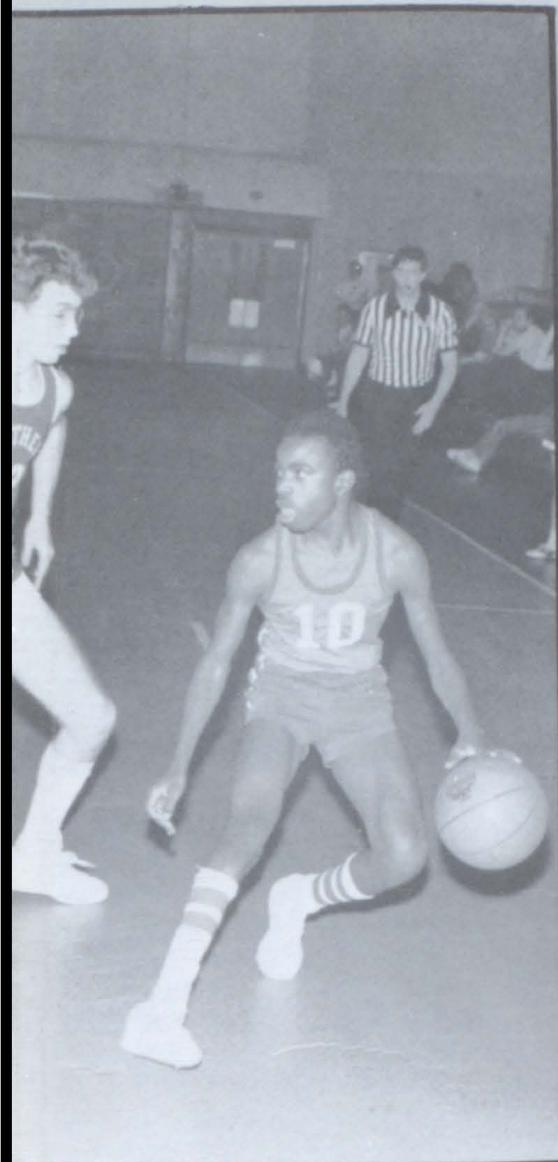




Junior Cedric Nix takes this rebound for himself against THS.

Bellied up, Andy Chism plays one tough defense against a Thompson opponent.

Guarded closely by a Pelham defender Kevin Lacey controls his dribble.



Coach Richard Gilliam has coached many things, but Girls Varsity Basketball was not among them . . . until this year. And now upon the conclusion of his first season he has a career record of 8 wins and 7 losses and a fourth place finish in the County. Coach Gilliam commented that "it was a very enjoyable season."

Award winners for the Lady 'Dogs were Captain — Ellen Finley; MVP — Carol Paschel; Best Defensive Player — Lisa Devinner; Bulldog Spirit — Donna Grayson; and Hustle Award — Lorene Gentry.



MHS Girls Varsity Basketball, top l to r, G. Lucas, M. Perkins, R. Thomas, D. Grayson, T. Nivens, T. McCary, C. Paschel, L. Gaddis, E. Finley, L. Divinner.

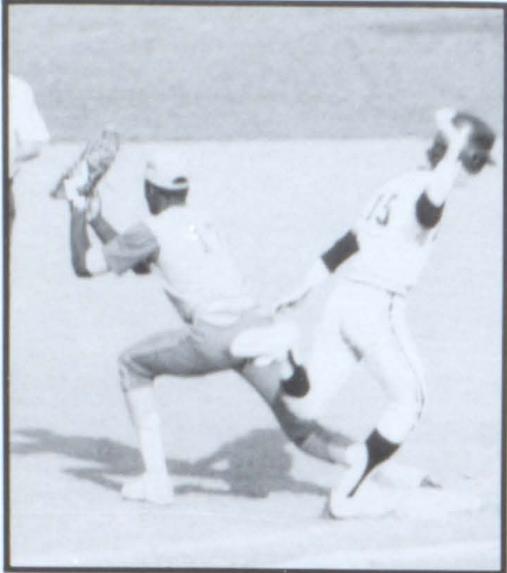


LEARNING THE HARD WAY

Junior High Sports are designed to be learning programs for Varsity sports and record does not matter that much. These are words Coach Richard Gilliam has said quite a few times. And this year was definitely a learning situation. Under the leadership of Coach Brad Bensinger the Bullpups were one and nine with the only victory coming over Chelsea. In the County Tournament the team lost in the 1st round to Briarwood. Who said learning never hurt?

Steve Spears takes to the air to tag a sliding Yellow Jacket.

Tie goes to the runner right? Ask Junior "AMP" Printice what he thinks about this one.



"It's One, Two, Three Strikes, You're Out, At The Old Ball Game"

MHS Baseball team, back l to r, T. Rutledge, F. Rutledge, K. Moore, A. Printice, A. Chism, T. Haggins, G. Davis; bottom, T. Bolling, A. Anderson, R. Gaddis, K. Staffney, T. Hughes, S. Speares, A. Devould; managers,

"The last two years the baseball teams looked very good in practice," states Coach Richard Gilliam. Looking good in practice, however, did not help game matters much as the team posted a one and eleven season record, with the only win coming over Chelsea 18-3. A lot of inexperience played the most important role in this season and in past ones. "These are the three

worst baseball seasons, back to back I have ever been associated with," comments Gilliam, "we have only won five games in three years."

Keith Moore was voted as team captain at the conclusion of the season. While Anthony Printice captured the leading hitter award with a .358 average, and Terry Rutledge was named leading fielder with a .964 average.





Senior Keith Moore's solemn face reflects the disappointment of the '84 baseball season.

Trying to block the plate Andy Anderson causes an opposing Jacket to stretch out to tag home.



Slow Season Attributes To

Potential But No Improvement

"Funny year" was how track coach Brad Bensinger summed up the 1984 season. He also said that there was a "lot of improvement out of some who had potential."

Improvement was inevitable with the full schedule the team had. Regular season meets took them to Samford

and Briarwood; County was at Briarwood; Sectionals were at Selma; and State was at Troy.

In the County Meet MHS did not fare well, placing 6th out of 8 teams. In the Sectionals, however, individuals did rather well. Willie Goldsmith was 2nd in the mile and 4th in the 880. (Cont. p. 24)



Senior Carl Rutledge turns it on heading down the home stretch.



Tommy Hammett and Riley Duren take a couple of warm up laps before competition.

Jeff Chism explodes from the starting blocks in the 100 yard dash.



Junior Kevin Colley is determined to beat this county opponent.

MHS track team: back row: C. Rutledge, K. Colley, T. Hammett, J. Edwards, L. Readal, R. Duren, R. Towner, W. Goldsmith, D. Jackson, B. Worthey, J. Chism, J. Gentry, H. Hughes, front row; D. Gentry, T. Nivens, L. Gentry, L. DeVineer, S. Peoples, A. Moore, T. Connell.



Long jump participant Larry Sailes flies through the air in county competition.



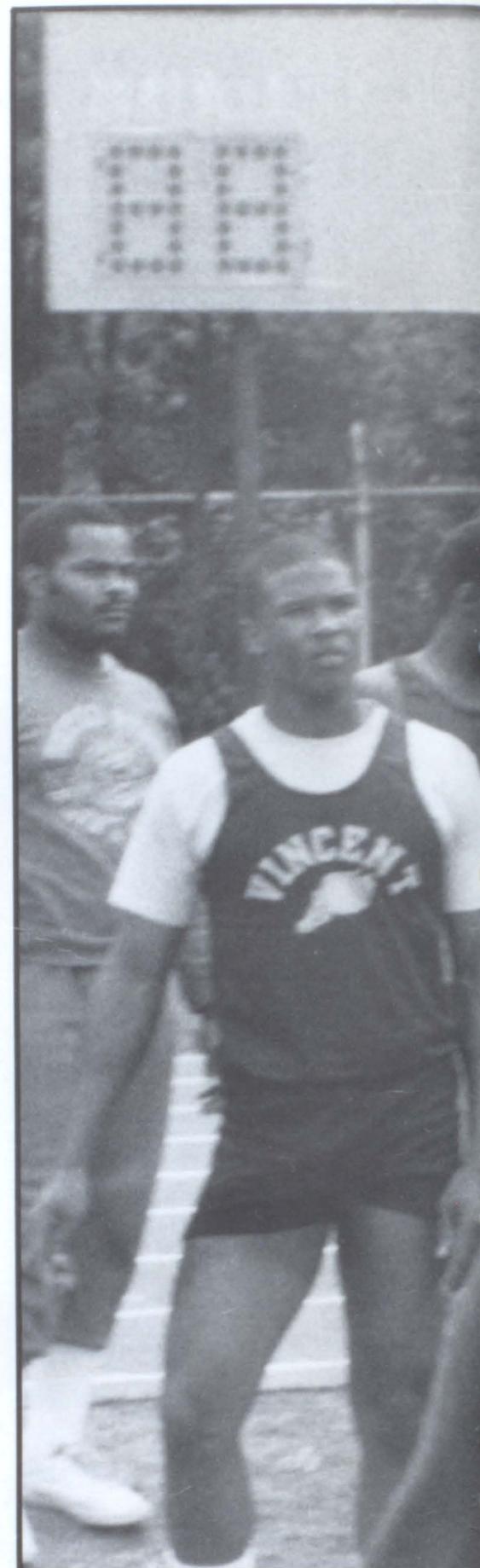
Slow Season Has Some High Spots

Augusta Moore was 1st in the girls 880, and Ralph Towner was 1st in the discus. Placing so high in their respective events enabled them to go to State. At State Willie Goldsmith placed 13th in the mile and 12th in the 880. Ralph Towner was 4th in the discus.

At Awards Day Ralph Towner and Lorene Gentry captured the top track awards by being named girls and boys MVP.



Willie Goldsmith stretches out in hopes of a winning long jump.



With a small audience watching, Ralph Towner uses all his strength for this shot put throw in track and field competition.



Augusta Moore and a Vincent opponent trudge onward in the mile at Sanford.



Track team members, Riley Duren, Tommy Hammett, Kevin Colley, Hoy Hughes and Larry Readal discuss the upcoming activities.

The Best Is Yet To Come

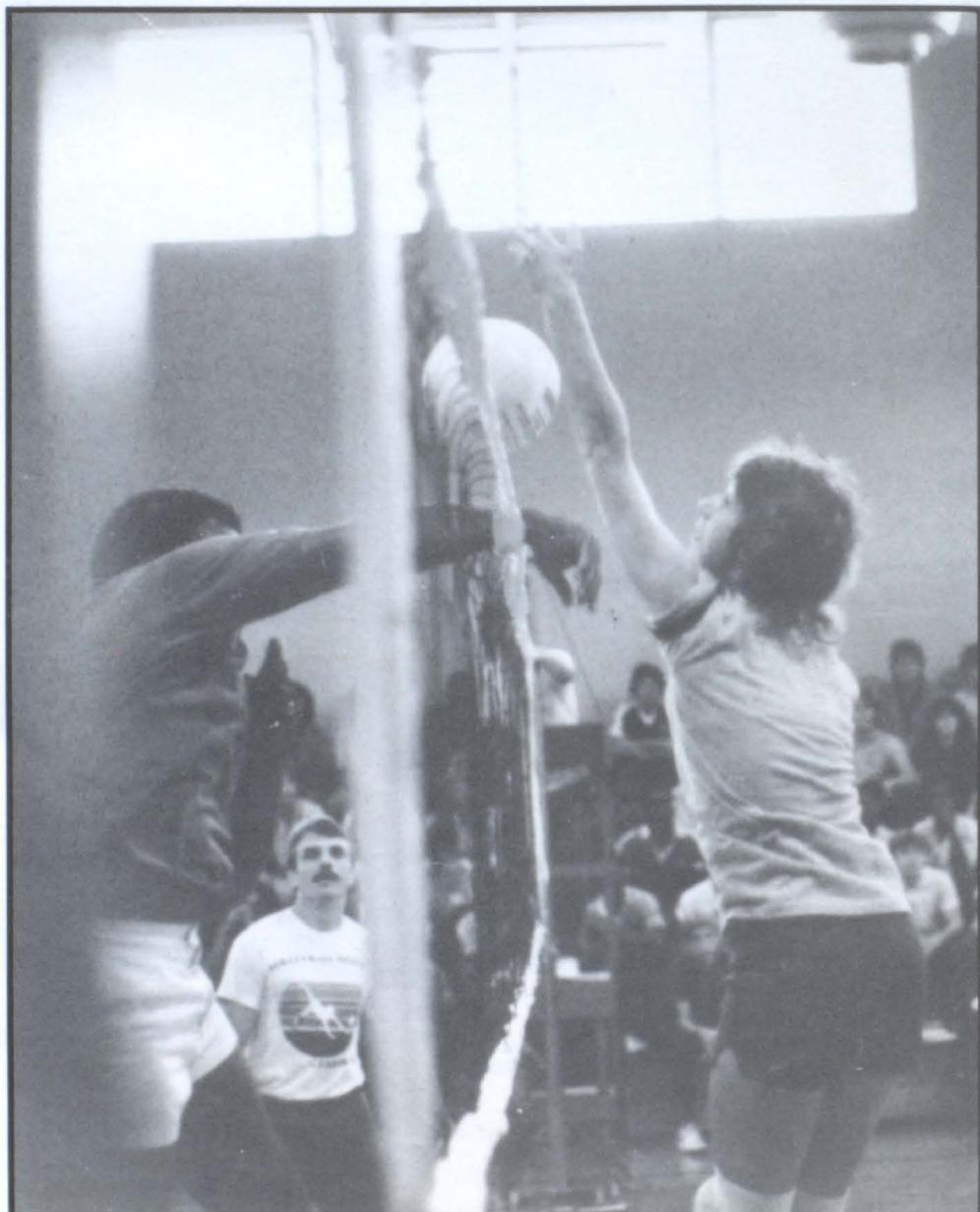
"Good season but could have been better," was what girls Volleyball Coach, Dot Bishop, said about the season. The eleven young women ranked exceptionally well for their experience in the three tournaments they entered, placing second in the County Tournament. The achievements of the players was recorded as 19 wins and 13 losses. Coach Bishop also commented that "definitely players will go to state if they continue to work."

MHS Girls Volleyball, back l to r, Rhonda Thomas, Renee Fisher, Carol Paschel, Belle Grayson, Elley Finley, Judy Towner, Lorene Gentry, Latresa Gaddis, Lisa DeVinner, Vanessa Bivins, Donna Grayson.



Lorene Gentry looks on as Carol Paschel misses a spike attempt.

Volleyball team member Elley Finley rejects a spike attempt by Johnny McClain in the Faculty-Student fund raiser.



County Tourney Falls To Montevallo For Third Straight Year

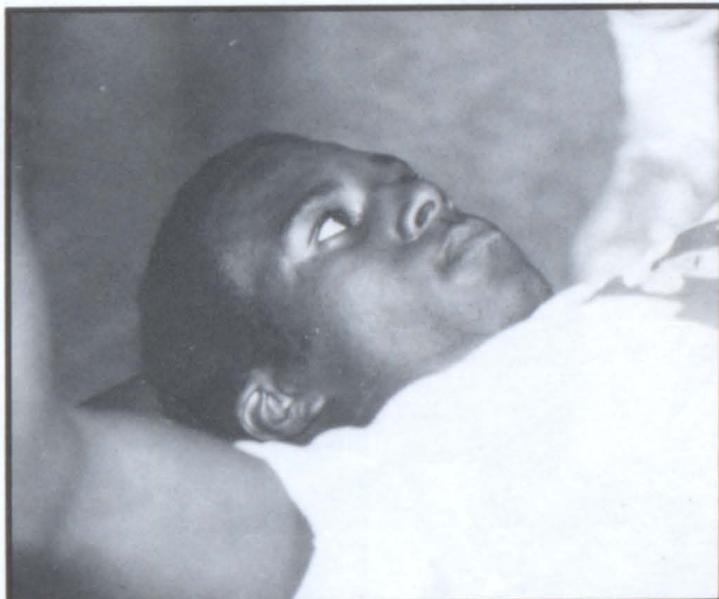
Top 8 Spots
Held By MHS Lifters

For the third year in a row, the Montevallo weightlifting team placed first in Shelby County competition. Also for the third year in a row they established a new record in scoring. The total of 968 points eclipsed the old record of 905 points set by MHS last year. Top eight for Montevallo were Jeff Chism, top county lifter with 144 points, Dwayne Jackson, Barry Worthey, Kevin Staffney, Rodney Tolbert, Clyde Sailes, Jimmy Sailes and Tommy Morris, each one scored higher than any other individual from the other schools. Calera placed second with 461 points, Chelsea was third, 443 points and Vincent fourth with 225 points. Montevallo's second and third eight scored higher than any other school, with 667 and 506 points respectively.



Worn out from use, the glove provides Ricky Gaddis with gripping POWER for his lift in the County Meet.

MHS Weightlifting team, bottom A. Printice, T. Morris, J. Chism; 2nd, R. Gaddis, R. Tolbert, T. Gaddis; 3rd, C. Sailes, T. Haggins, K. Staffney, G. Jackson; 4th, J. Turner, J. Sailes, S. Walker, S. Blackwell; 5th, J. Turner, C., D. Brown, A. DeVould, D. Jackson; 6th, B. Worthey, T. Blackwell, L. Layton, A. Brindley, J. Holsombeck, S. Roberts, C. Devinner; 7th, F. Rutledge, N. Payne.



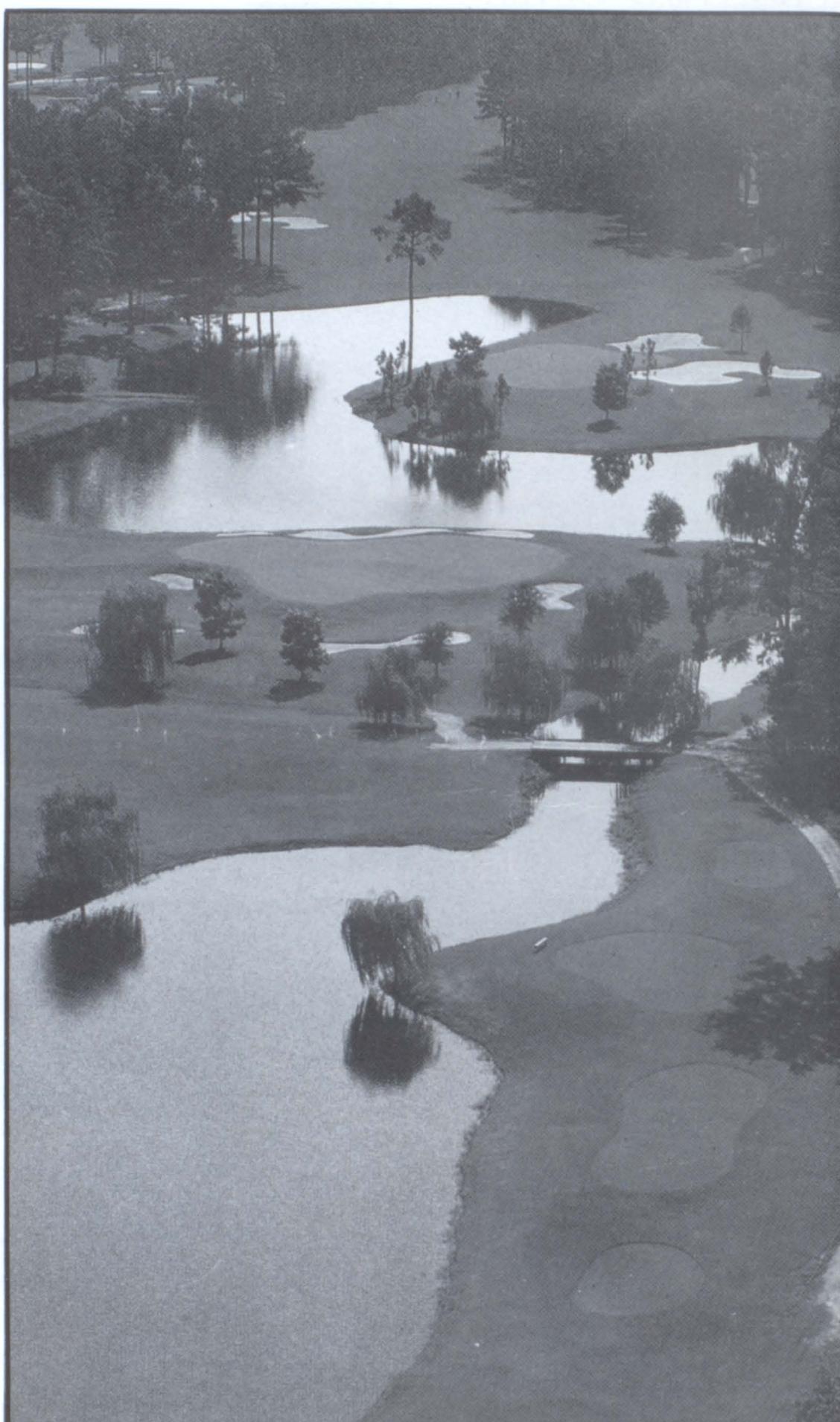
Junior Ricky Gaddis concentrates before attempting his lift.

Successful Season Highlighted

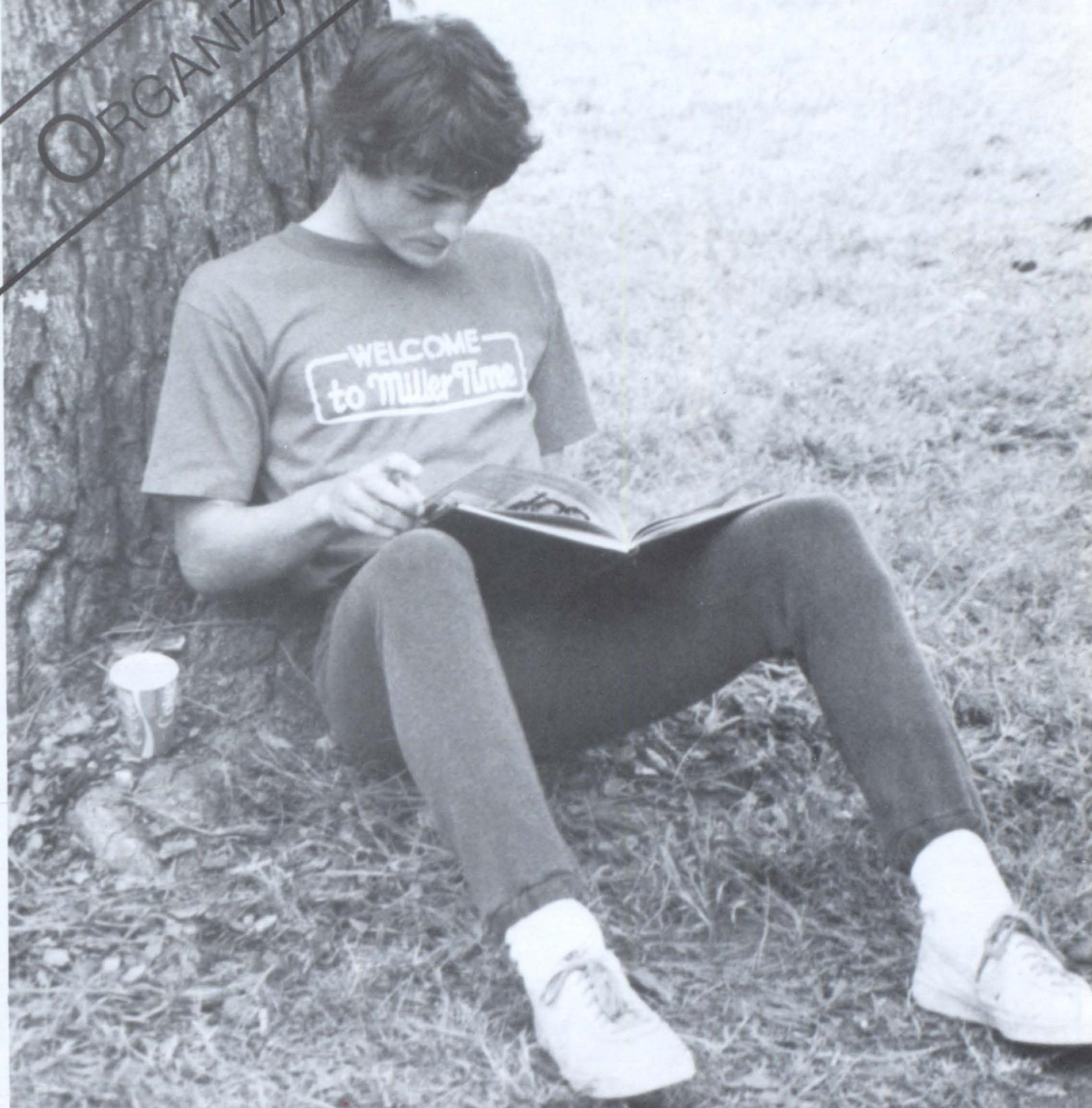
Tourney Held At PGA's Shoal Creek

Much excitement was in the air this golf season when players found they would be playing in a Tournament at Shoal Creek (scene for the 1984 PGA). The team also competed in two other tournaments: County, in which they placed second and Sectionals in Jasper. Golf members had a 3-0 season record winning matches against Altamont and Thompson twice. Slade Blackwell finished the season in top spot on the team followed by Taylor Blackwell, Andy Brindly and Johnny Holsomeck with Tony Berry coaching.

Near the club house, the creek forms placed lakes to guard the 9th and 18th greens, and to challenge drivers from the 10th and 14th tees at Shoal Creek.

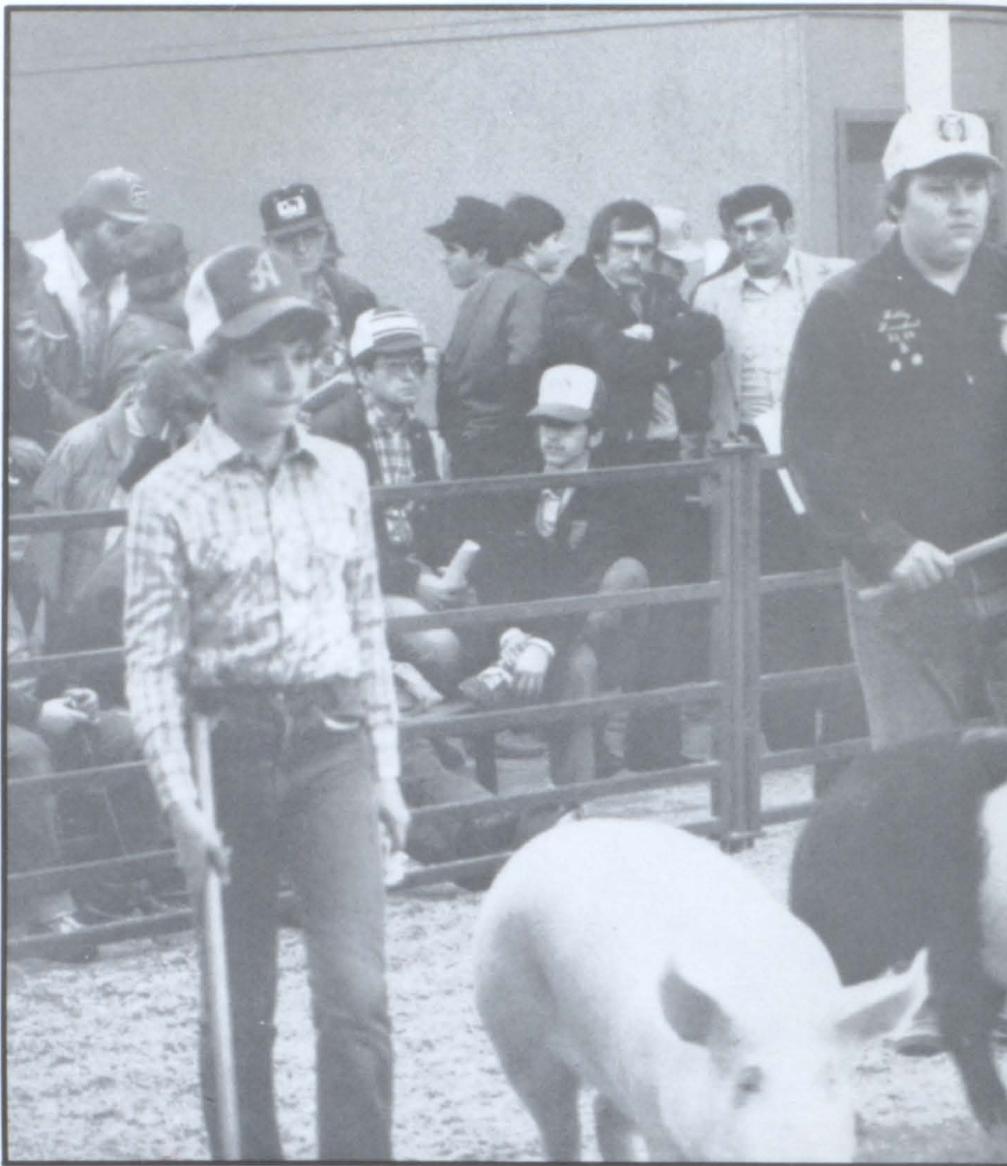
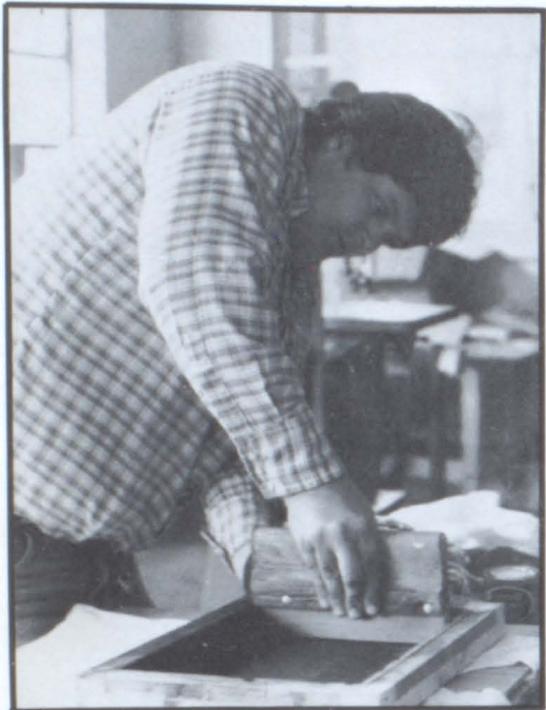


ORGANIZATIONS



FFA President and a 4-H member look on as their hogs compete.

Club sponsor, Tony Berry screens spirit shirts for the cheerleaders.



Row 1: K. Staffney, R. Perry, R. Johnson, J. Bates, M. Martin, Row 2: K. Hawks, S. Mahan, Q. Smitherman, B. Peete, T. Nash, B. Peete, E. Burrage, J. Pickett. Row 3: B. Pickett, S. Price, R. Darden, R. Goodwin, T. Edwards, P. Bush, B. Leslie, N. Payne. Row 4: T. Hughes, L. Layton, J.

Mayhall, L. Fulton, M. Dailey, G. Davis, K. Moore. Row 5: K. Colley, L. Readal, D. Patrick, A. Campbell, C. Towner, D. Motes. Row 6: B. McGiboney, J. Cummings, B. Lawley, L. Edwards, M. Jones, M. Broadhead, S. Dennis, D. Fancher, T. Dennis, J. Rochester, P. Bell.



Junior Trey Hughes shows his steer at the Alabama State Fair.



Row 1: A. Clark, D. Rich, C. Dailey, K. Majors, T. Goggins, R. Brown, B. Sides Row 2: L. Fulton, D. Broadhead, S. Smith, R. Johnson, E. Lucas, R. Brantley, J. Jones, L. Boothe, S. Cummings Row 3: C. Tidwell, C. Darden, D. Beasley, D. Paschel, E. Rochester Row 4: J. Davis, W. Cofer, J. Sailes, K. Harris, J. Dukes, S. Evans, K. Maddox, B. Hall

FFA Sweetheart Karla Hawks



FFA Goes Hog Wild

The 1983-84 school year was a great one for the Montevallo Chapter Future Farmers of America. In addition to the events of past years, the chapter started two new events. On November 19, the first Montevallo Invitational FFA and 4-H steer show was held. Secondly, a fishing tournament was held March 31 at the College Lake.

The chapter also did quite well in its regular events. Both the Livestock and Land Judging teams won their county contests, qualifying for district competition.

On May 19th, the second annual Chapter banquet was held. The chapter also had its yearly sales campaigns, including the hog raffle, citrus sale, and magazine sale.

Um! Um! Good!

"Once on the lips, always on the hips." is not that the common cliche? Unfortunately, its more commonly heard by girls and said by boys. Most would find it easier to eat that extra little bit and exercise it off. At least

that's what doctors prescribe most. So next time you crave that hot fudge sundae; or Hershey's bar, think about burning up a little energy and toning up the ol' bod to rid yourself of the sugar rather than skipping a healthy meal.



Principal Norman Payne slices into a freshly baked Chocolate Pound Cake made for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Mrs. Delilah Robinson accepts a goodie baked by Junnie Craig's Home Economics class.





The smooth lyrics of Boy George gave America a taste for Britain's "Culture Club."



With Michael Jackson's help, Rockwell's "Somebody's watching me" rose to the top.

The "Thrill" Of Success

There were a lot of popular songs on the radio and concert scene this past year. The most famous, with no doubt from his competitors, was Michael Jackson. Not only did this young superstar sweep many prestigious awards, but his multi-million dollar album Thriller took a highly acclaimed "Best album of all times" award from the Guinness Book of World Records. Although Jackson was the most popular, everyone still had his own favorite. Boy George and his British group "Culture Club" won their way into the hearts of many. They, along with other British groups such as "Eurythmics," "Duran Duran," and "Police" became part of a new "British Invasion" that first started in the '60's.

A little bit closer to home, Alabama's concerts paved the way for country listeners to ease their joy for their favorite music. This is true also for Rythm and Blues fans for Lionel Richie, DeBarge, Luther Vandross and Rick James "jammed" their soulful tunes to the delight of all their fans. On the heavier side of funk is rock 'n roll. Van Halen, Billy Idol, Quiet Riot and others rocked 1983-84 into a good year.

"Alabama" hit the tops of the charts and again took many country awards.

For many, Billy Idol's concert in Birmingham was one to be remembered.



Group Studies Medical Field

The Health Careers club was organized for students interested in medical occupations. Some members, along with sponsor Joanna McGaughy, visited UAB's Health Career Day. "It was really interesting and gave me a chance to analyze my medical future," commented senior Jennifer Siegrist. The club also had several speakers throughout the year, including a social worker, an optometrist, and a paramedic.

Row 1: A. Bice, J. Wilder, P. Kimbrell, M. Hood, J. Siegrist Row 2: A. McCullough, M. Creel, S. Montgomery, L. Burrage, A. Allen, K. Klemenc, J. Wade, P. Williams Row 3: T. Niven, A. Tryon, B. Killingswoth, D. Bullock, T. Page, L. Fancher, T. Compton, N. Shinnick, R. Dobson Row 4: Sponsor J. McGaughy, J. Lesley, C. Wolfe, C. Frost, D. Rich, P. Phillips, B. Pickett, J. Turner, M. Metz



What's The Rage? Buttons!

Duran Duran? Ozzy Ozzybourne? Michael Jackson? Everywhere people are wearing buttons with the names of groups and singers on them. Some of the pins have only the names on them but others have pictures of the singers or pictures of their album covers. This is one way to air an opinion or advertise a favorite group. Junior Paula Phillips says. "When I wear my David Lee Roth pin on my clothes, everyone knows who my favorite is." "I love" pins are also a common sight at MHS. These pins usually state the name of a boyfriend or girlfriend but they can also state something else of one's taste. Freshman Darlene Young, who wears this type of pin, states, "I love Prince and I want everybody to know it!"

Often people coordinate their pins to match their clothes. If they are wearing purple clothes that day, they will most likely wear a Prince pin. If they are wearing yellow, they will probably wear



a Micheal Jackson pin. Whatever the reason, these buttons have caught on big and will probably be around for a while.

Seniors Rebecca Hicks and Mary Anne Hood examine Sophomore Trey Fennell's rock 'n' roll buttons.

In The SPOTLIGHT

A lot more preparation goes into the SPOTLIGHT than one might think. A week in advance of printing students spend one day planning what stories will go into the paper. After this day it is a mad rush to write stories, headlines, take pictures, draw art and proof read. Long before anyone sees the SPOTLIGHT, Journalism students have read and re-read it to make sure it is right. Miss DeMent spends a great deal of time typing up the copy and advising the students on stories. Mrs. Kathy Bearden also gives a great deal of her time by teaching Journalism I Students the ropes and by aiding students with their stories.



Row 1: A. Brindley, P. Kimbrell, J. Siegrist, A. Allen, A. Gaines Row 2: Susan Hardin, R. Hicks, C. Frost, S. Harrison, C. Missildine, A. Tryon, Sponsors C. Bearden and S. Dement



Journalism students Jennifer Siegrist and Angie Aleln prepare the Spotlight for sale.



Take The \$\$ And Run!!

Many students have felt the need to undertake part-time jobs. Some are working toward buying a new car while others enjoy the extra spending money. Having a job while in high school gives a young person a sense of responsibility and something to do with spare time. Often this keeps a youth out of trouble. Senior John Hawkins, who works at The Hungry Fisherman, says "I love the money and it's a great way to meet people."

It has been said that an after school job often affects grades because of the reduced amount of study time. Senior Meador McElhanahan, who works at The House of Serendipity, states, "My grades are not affected because I'm off by 5:00 everyday." On the other hand there are those who work late hours and agree that the lost study time does indeed affect their grades.

Senior Anita Tryon works busily as a Merchants and Planters bank teller.

Striving For Answers

Imagine this: a young student is struggling with a math problem and, all of a sudden, the answer comes to him right out of the blue. Think of the happiness and pride of the student upon his accomplishment. One of the goals of the Math club is to sharpen skills and have fun while teaching. Several students excelled in this club. Freshman Lisa Lawley won top 9th grader at the Shelby County tournament, hosted by MHS. Junior Michael Martin received trophies for top 11th grader and 1st overall in advanced math for Shelby County. In addition, Jay Edwards placed 2nd in Geometry. The list goes on and on as the group participated in events at Vestavia, Tuscaloosa, and Samford.

Row 1: M. Kimbrell, R. Johnson Row 2: C. Nai-var, L. Lawley, S. Readal, K. Child, J. Hardin, R. Duren, S. Austin Row 3: J. Carter, M. Martin, P. Stoudemire, Sponsor D. Morris, B. Lott, J. Edwards

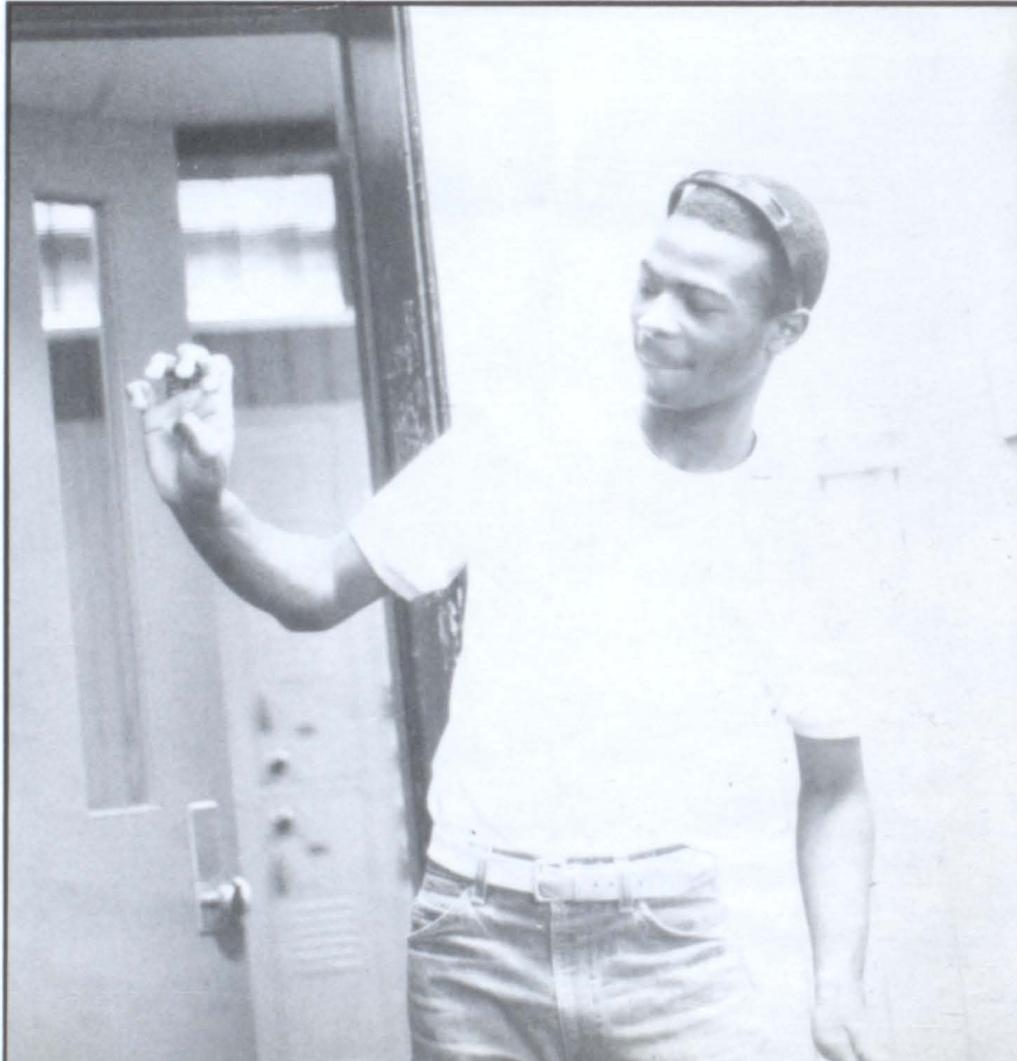


Students Get “Ticked” Off

Most students at MHS have always participated and danced at the Friday night soc-hops. Some have made up their own steps while others have kept up with the popular dances of the time. One way to keep up with the dances is to watch "Soul Train" and "American Band Stand." One can learn quite a bit from observing the dancers on those shows. Senior Clyde Sailes says, "I don't miss a single episode of Soul Train."

Two of the more popular dances this year were the "tick" and "break dancing." The "tick" transforms a person's body into a robot or other mechanical device. The movements are very jerky and travel throughout the body. Break dancing on the other hand, is more physical. Spinning on the head, back and shoulders are all a part of this sort of dance.

Senior Rodney Carson demonstrates his dancing expertise.



Junior "Amp" Prentice peers through the bars of his "make-believe" jail cell.

Payne And Punishment

"You shall be sentenced to three days of solitary confinement after school or two days of hard labor," states the booming voice of Judge Norman Payne. The crime — excessive tardies. The verdict — GUILTY.

The rule states that three tardies results in disciplinary action. One has a choice of staying after school an hour for three days or working at the school an hour for two days. Some have said that this is much too harsh.

Mr. Payne has gotten more than he bargained for in undertaking the punishing of these late students. The number of late pupils has grown until he has a hard time keeping up with everyone's punishments. A rule that had to be brought up because of some students' excessive tardies was three days of in-school-suspension. One has to have gotten 15 tardies total for all classes to be sentenced that.

One big complaint is the teachers' practice of counting students tardy to homeroom even if they check in as late as 6th period. This may sound unfair but it is the only way teachers can record a student's tardies to school. Homeroom was created to keep track of attendance.

We Are Positive

It is a Thursday night and three lively young girls are cheering their junior-varsity football team to victory. Why is the group so small? Head cheerleader Latresa Cardwell has the answers to these questions. "We started with four girls. One was put off and another quit, so we added an alternate," stated Latresa. She added, "It was hard with only three, but altogether I think we did pretty well."

B-Team Cheerleaders Ann Lilly, Latresa Cardwell, and Darla Jones take a break from practice.



Junior Pam Hedgepath wears the "Flashdance Look," while Senior Erin Spicer wears three earings.

Through the years, a common trend for women has been to have pierced ears. Others have shown their uniqueness by having the right ear single-pierced and the left triple pierced. The trend has even infected the male students of the school. Many have been seen sporting a gold ball or hoop in their left ears. At first these trend-setters were ridiculed for their unique idea. Gradually others followed suit and made the fad more desirable.



Wearing double-breasted suits for the office look are seniors Leslie Rutledge and Carl Rutledge.

Rock stars have had a great influence on the fashion scene lately. Many of the hard rock singers have begun wearing pants made of leather and parachute materials. MHSers have followed this trend and others set by these celebrities. When Michael Jackson appeared wearing penny loafers, white socks and one glove, students were imitating his apparel.

Movies have also made an impres-

sion on students' wardrobes. "Flashdance" set the style of cut-up sweatshirts and exercise clothes.

Several male members of the student body dress themselves more fittingly for an office or church. They deck themselves out in double-breasted suits and carry briefcases. Who knows what the styles will be next year? One can be assured that the MHS students will keep up with them.

Seeing Double

Twins Lee and Lonnie Fulton enjoy the confusion created by their identical features.

"Hey, am I seeing double?" For some students this is a familiar question. Especially for those who don't know Bert and Bob Peete, along with Lee and Lonnie Fulton. Bert and Bob along with Lee and Lonnie are Montevallo's "carbon copies." Both sets of twins are active in school activities. Although both sets of twins share some of the same interests, each is unique in his own way.

All four gentlemen have a different view about being a twin. But basically they all enjoy being twins. The most common complaint they each have is being confused with his twin.

As children sometimes they were marked with different colors of clothing to be identified. Some teachers say that as long as the twins are together they can tell them apart. Bert says, "sometimes it's good to be confused with your twin, especially for tricks." Lonnie feels that being Lee's twin makes him closer to Lee.



¿ Que es esto?

"¡Hola! ¿Que tal?"

"Bien, y tu?"

This is a familiar greeting of the Spanish language. With the induction of the Spanish Club, members of this group are able to interpret the meaning of this and many other Spanish words. However, the Spanish club does more than interpret words. They also research anything about Spanish culture, lifestyle, and recreation. Various projects and presented during this time. One of these is the making of pinatas for Elementary school students.

Row 1: Sponsor D. Robinson, P. Phillips, L. Rovelstad
Row 2: M. Kelly, A. Allen, P. Kimbrell, J. Wilder
Row 3: M. Hamilton, M. Hall, S. Edwards, J. McMillan, S. Hayes, S. Montgomery, S. Harrison
Row 4: M. McClanahan, D. Grimes, T. Niven, M. Perkins, C. Bomar, A. Bice, E. Bearder, R. Burndette, R. Murray, W. Sloan, C. Pickett, T. Hall

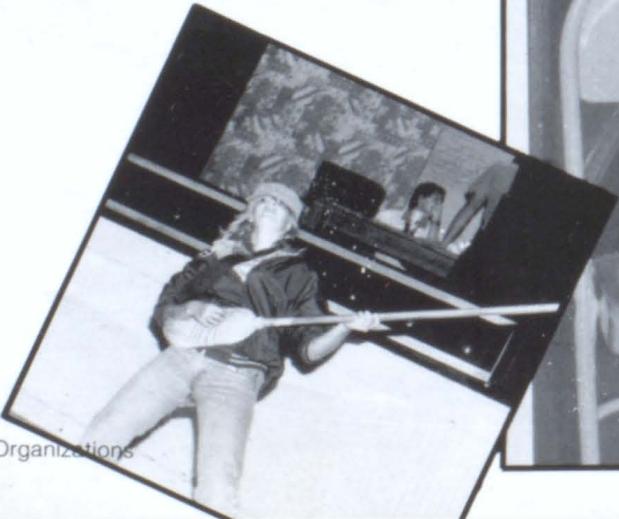
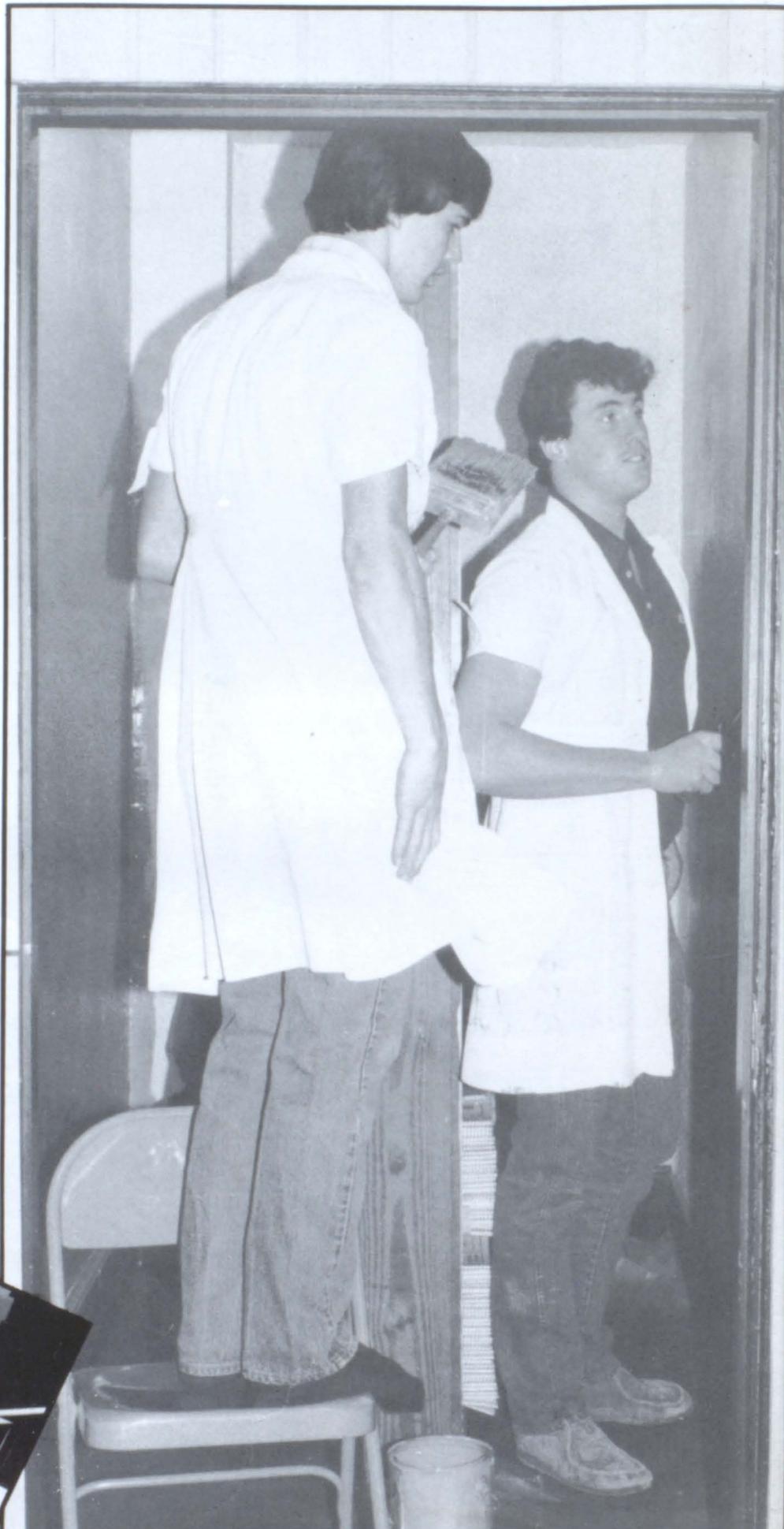
The 1983-84 Student Council officers: Treasurer, Jim Wade; Secretary, Susan Hardin; President, Taylor Blackwell; and Vice President, Kevin Colley.

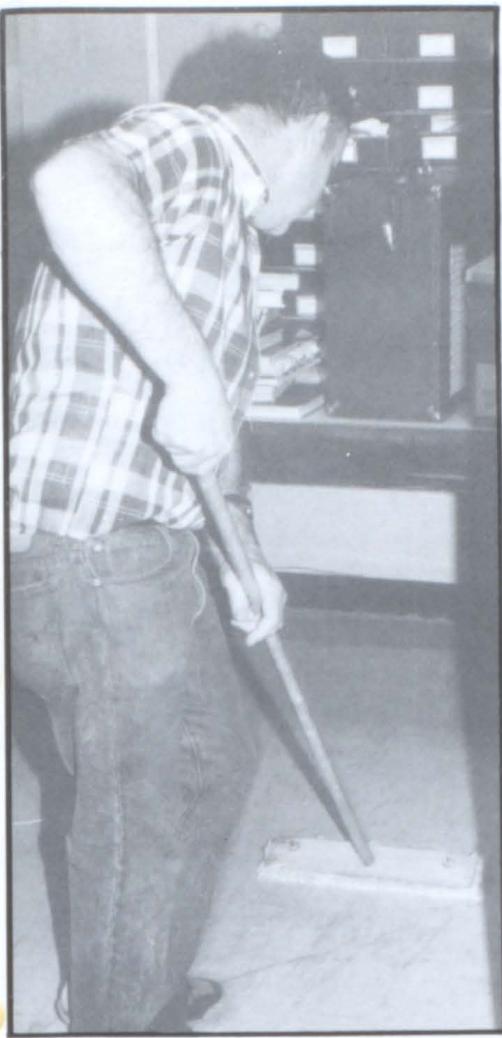
Senior Ricky Dobson helps President Taylor Blackwell paint the student council store.

Innovation At Work

Sock-hops, work-days, and Homecoming are just a few of the projects undertaken by the Student Council. All year round, the group thinks of new ways to improve the Montevallo campus. Members of the group work on designated days to clean up and beautify the school. The Council also made and sold home-baked cookies and cakes at the math tournament. In early May, the Council elected its new Officers after much campaigning by those in the running. All-in-all, this was a very productive year for the Student Council.

Sophomore Karla Hawks competes in the student council air guitar contest.



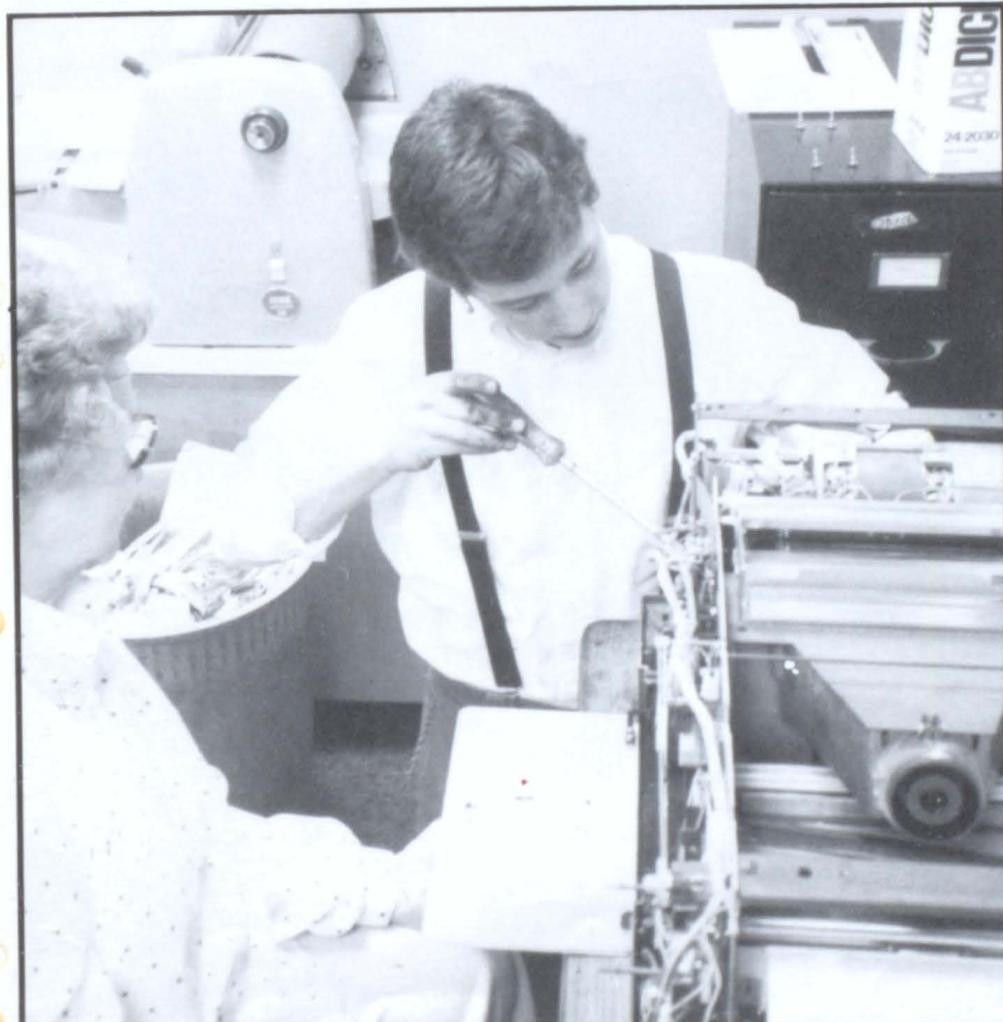


Row 1: Susan Hardin, Jim Wade, Taylor Blackwell, Clyde Sails.

Row 2: Laura Arnold, Laurie Davidson, John Hawkins, Tracy Smitherman, Stephanie Edwards, Michele Hall, Marsha Tryon, David Grimes, Kara Childs, Jonathon Grimes.

Row 3: Regina Langham, Meg Perkins, Lisa Lawley, Amy Bice, Barry Worthey.

Row 4: Larry Readal, John Bolling, Victoria Nelson, Latresa Cardwell, Kelvin Thompson, Elaine Spicer, Quenton Smitherman, Bonita Paschel, Carl Rutledge, Belinda Tripp.



Freshmen Elaine Spicer and Lisa Lawley gather balloons for Homecoming decorations.

Principal Norman Payne helps out on a work day.

As Mrs. Long looks on, Vice President Kevin Colley repairs the mimeograph machine.

Society Achieves Goals

The Honor Society began its productive year in November by collecting door-to-door for Muscular Dystrophy. Then, when Christmas rolled around, the Society once again sponsored a door-decorating contest. To celebrate the Yuletide, the club members gathered at President Susan Hardin's house, presenting each other with gag gifts.

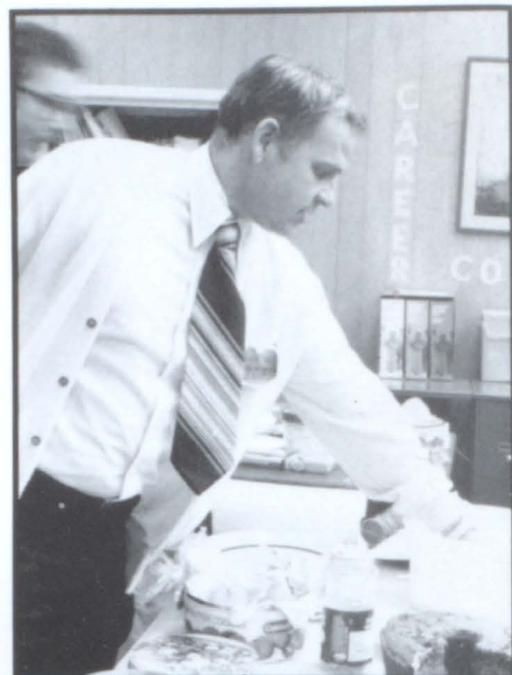
After returning for the second semester, Society members awarded Honor Roll ribbons to the deserving students. In April, the group spoke

to the eighth grade and gave a tour of the school. The school year ended with the induction of new members into the club. Senior Mary Anne Hood stated, "It was privilege and an honor to be a part of this prestigious club."

Row 1: B. Worthey, A. Tryon, R. Brown, R. Williams, L. Davidson, Sponsor C. Colley, M. Hood Row 2: T. Bell, L. Brasher, D. Harris, Row 3: K. Moore, J. Lesley, E. Spicer, Row 4: L. Readal, J. Carter, N. Davis, T. Smitherman, S. Hardin, T. Blackwell, K. Klemenc, J. Hawkins

Senior Lisa Brasher confers with sponsor Colleen Colley on the Muscular Dystrophy fund raising campaign.

Principal Norman Payne enjoys the refreshments prepared by Honor Society members.



Forseeing The FUTURE



"The main purpose of FHA is to expand our understanding on making a better home for our future family," says sophomore Sonya Peoples. During the activity periods that this club meets members and sponsor, Mrs. Junnie Craig, discuss the annual FHA meeting in Montgomery. They also have special speakers to discuss different types of patterns for sewing, and how to make a better home life.

Row 1: S. Rutledge, T. Shamburger, M. Davenport, A. Boothe Row 2: S. Tripp, T. Jones, B. Killingsworth Row 3: M. Thompson, J. Towner, D. Young, S. Peoples Row 4: T. Staffney, C. Rutledge, T. Conwell, D. entry, S. Russel, S. Connell, R. Emfinger, B. Tripp Row 5: F. Tolbert, M. Gilmore, L. Shaw, T. Greer, Q. Smitheman, F. Rutledge, V. DeVould, S. Nix, M. Walker, T. Farrington, D. Loggins



Say It With Roses

One trend that has grown to be very popular at Montevallo High School is sending flowers and balloons on special occasions. Friends, boyfriends, and relatives have it to be a nice touch to have these gifts sent to the school on birthdays and holidays. This is a good practice, but it can create problems. On Valentine's Day the office machines room was literally filled with balloons, candy, and flowers. Many classes were interrupted to deliver these presents to surprised students. As a result, Principal Norman Payne instigated a new rule that prohibits the delivering of these gifts to the classes before 2:00.

Sophomore Leah Baker ponders the sentimental present from a friend.

The Eyes Have It!!



"It's a constant reminder of my physical handicap," says glasses wearer Paula Williams. Does this situation sound familiar? If it does then maybe you need to wear contact lenses.

People switch to improve their appearance and others to improve their peripheral vision. Senior Jeff

Thrash changed, "... because I can see better with them." Another argument which Senior Lisa Hicks gives is: "They don't get in the way like glasses do." One drawback to wearing contacts is that they often give the eyes trouble at the most inopportune moments. Majorette Susan Hardin tells of the time when,

"My contact just popped out while I was twirling! Luckily it landed in my friend's hand." Other students complain of always getting dirt in their contacts. Contacts are also extremely easy to lose. Many of the students at MHS wear "soft" contact lenses. Senior Maya Metz says, "They are expensive, but worth it."

Can you find the contact in Senior Erin Spicer's eye?

Although many students have turned to contacts, there are still a lot of students who wear glasses. Look around at all the new style frames. There are new shapes and sizes, along with colors.

Weather causes some of the problems encountered by glasses wearers. Many glasses cloud-up on cold days. On rainy days, many students who wear glasses wish they had windshield wipers.

There are differing views about wearing glasses. Fran Agee says, "I feel more attractive in glasses. I would rather wear them than not." There are some students who disagreed. Of those students polled, the majority are happy with their glasses. Of those who were not pleased with their glasses it was because they wanted contacts.

Sophomore Laura Fancher states, "Wearing glasses is a bore."



Montala Tells All

Plans for the '84 Montala began during the summer at Auburn University. Editors Laurie Davidson and Taylor Blackwell returned with a basic theme and many ideas for layouts and copy.

As new staffers struggled through terms and technical skills, the veterans proved to be excellent pace-setters and teachers, working together to publish a year of memories. "New talents were discovered as creative copy and headlines reached my desk," commented Mrs. Heidi Ross, advisor. Business manager John Hawkins laughed, "Deadlines pose mass confusion!"

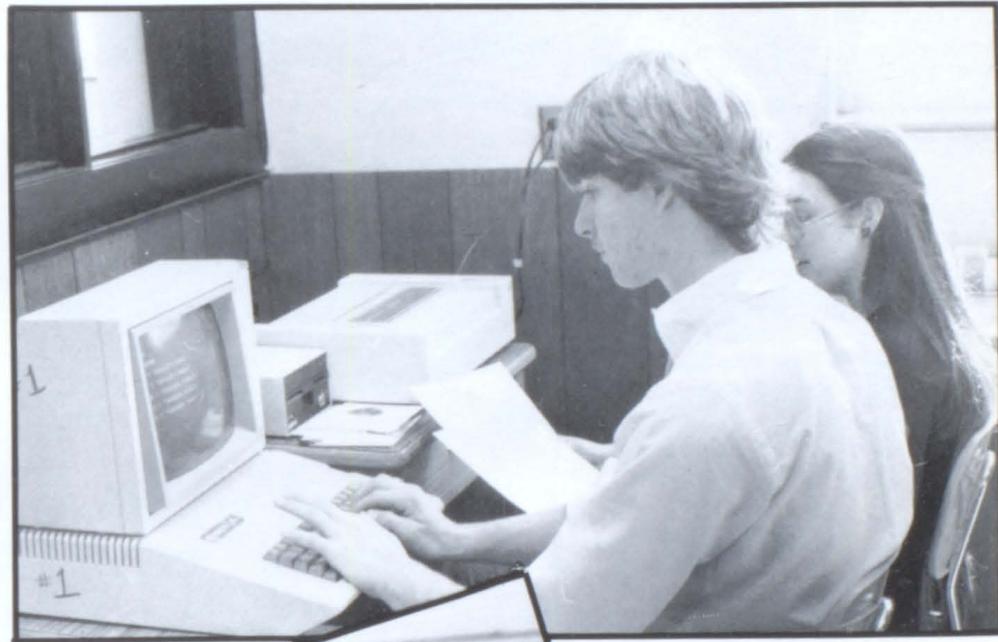
Row 1: E. Spicer, P. Williams, M. Hood, R. Hicks, L. Davidson, S. Davis

Row 2: B. Worthey, N. Davis, T. Blackwell, J. Hawkins, J. Turner

Row 3: W. Leach, M. McClanahan



Editor Laurie Davidson and Organizations Editor Erin Spicer catch some students on film.



Taking advantage of the new computers, Seniors Shan Davis and Paula Williams work on the student index.



Business manager John Hawkins works on layouts for a deadline.

Catch The Winning Spirit!

The 1983-84 MHS Cheerleaders had a very exciting year, beginning June 13-16 at the University of Montevallo Cheerleading Clinic. The squad brought home a spirit stick and several ribbons for their efforts. As the summer wore on, the girls continued to work on their many chants and drills.

As football season began, the girls donned a new type of uniform. These blue sweatshirts with orange letters really helped in battling the early winter cold, especially during the state-playoffs.

Another change was in the quality of the "bust-throughs". Senior Maya Metz, with help of

classmate Erin R. Spicer, designed these signs to help boost spirit in the student body. Co-head Paula Kimrell stated, "The main objective of the cheerleaders this year was to improve school spirit."

The cheerleaders all agree that as a group they performed well, particularly on chants and cheers. However, they also realized that there were also several problems, many caused by injuries and stunts.

Ms. Carol Czerw commented, "To me, the cheerleaders seemed to be a very energetic and vivacious group."



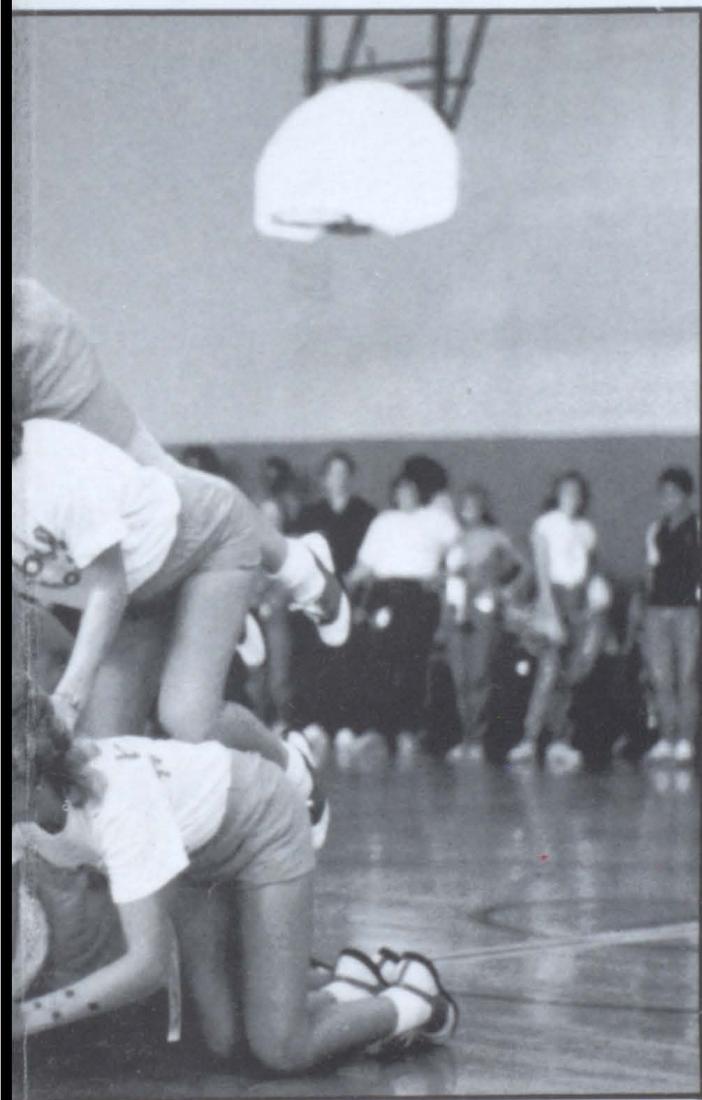
The "bust through" stands ready for the stampeding 'Dogs.

Sophomore Laura Arnold awaits the next cheer at a football game.





Varsity Cheerleaders
Tina Compton, Wanda Sloan, Fran Agee, Paula Kimbrell, Jennifer Wilder, Lori Rovlestad, Donna Harris, Laura Arnold



MHS Bulldog mascot Susie Montgomery takes a break at a basketball game.

During the Thompson pep rally, the cheerleaders take a fall from their pyramid.

Alive With Pleasure

It takes a lot of time and effort to be an MHS majorette. Not only must these girls practice with the marching band, but many extra rehearsals are needed.

During July, the 1983-84 squad attended camp at Auburn University, receiving a superior plus for their performance. This group of six also made 1's at both the Minor and Thompson contests.

The majorettes give the judges a smile before performing at Minor contest.

Row 1: Susan Hardin, head Row 2: Paula Kimbrell, Rebecca Hicks, Paula Phillips Row 3: Michele Kelly, Michelle Creel



No Work, No Play

The MHS Drama Club had another busy year. Beginning in late October the cast for the Trambauer Festival's entrant, "The Quiet Place," began rehearsing for the district competition, December 3. The group earned a "good" rating.

In December, the Christmas production "Christmas Comes to Detroit Louie" was presented.

The spring production, "Grandad Steps Out" was presented in May.

Club members and their guests also attended two productions at the Celebrity Dinner Theatre, namely, On Golden Pond and No Time For Sargeants. In addition, several students and their sponsor attended productions performed at the University of Montevallo.



Row 1: L. Fancher, P. Phillips, L. Rovelstad, B. Allen, L. Arnold, R. Hicks, M. Hood, P. Kimbrell, P. Williams, J. Wilder, L. Hicks, J. Siegrist. Row 2: T. Page, T. Hall, C. Graffo, K. Klemenc, K. Cochran, B. Belisle, J. Edwards, C. Fulmer, P. Stoudemire, M. Metz. Row 3: L. Sailes, K. Thompson, J. Turner, D. Young, B. Paschel, B. Tripp, L. Baker, E. Stewart, S. Davis, C. Allen, F. Shockley, A. Rich, M. Tryon, C. Pickett, L. Cardwell. Row 4: E. Thompson, J. Bolling, C. Sailes, J. Carter, B. Lott, M. McClanahan, W. Leach, C. Frost, J. Carter, J. Hawkins, D. Alexander, B. Morgan, R. Dobson, J. Wade, A. Hall.



Seniors Brian Morgan and MaryAnne Hood, along with Junior Bert Lott and Sophomore Darla Rich act out their roles in "Christmas Comes To Detroit Louie."

Adding age to Senior James Carter's face, Senior Tina Compton applies a few wrinkles.

Senior Shan Davis puts on a few finishing touches before stepping on stage.

We Are The 1's

Preparation for marching season began a little later. The summer routine that usually begins with Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in mid-July was omitted. Upon the first week of August, though, the routine fell into place. At the Minor and Thompson Contests the hustle, spirit, and pride of the Troubadours showed through and overcame the delayed practices.

After marching season concluded, the symphonic band, sporting new uniforms, earned superior ratings at District Contest. Toward the end of the year the Troubadours further perfected their music for the University of Montevallo and State Contests.

Senior David Murphy helps the Troubadours earn a superior rating at Minor contest.

Drum major Shan Davis dazzles the crowd with his acrobatic ability.

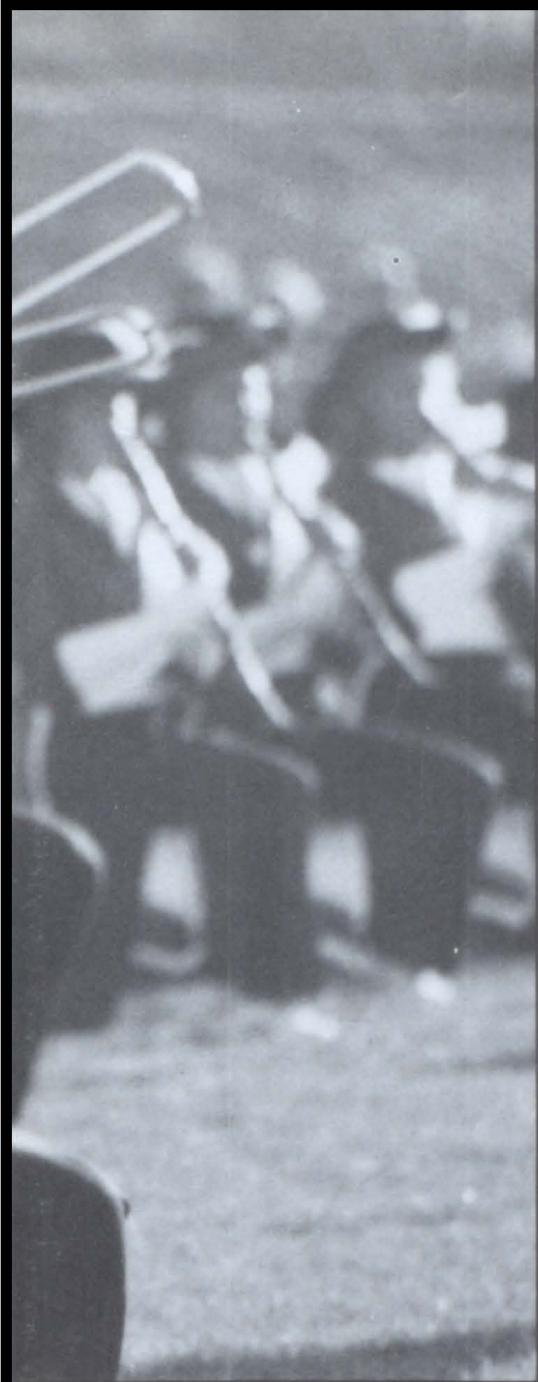


The Troubadours celebrate as the Bulldogs score a touchdown.



Director Jim Weese looks on as the band performs at a pep rally.





Seniors Shan Davis and Tracy Smitherman warm up before the Christmas program.

Percussionists Bert Peete, Eric Rochester, and Angela Gaines work at an after school rehearsal.

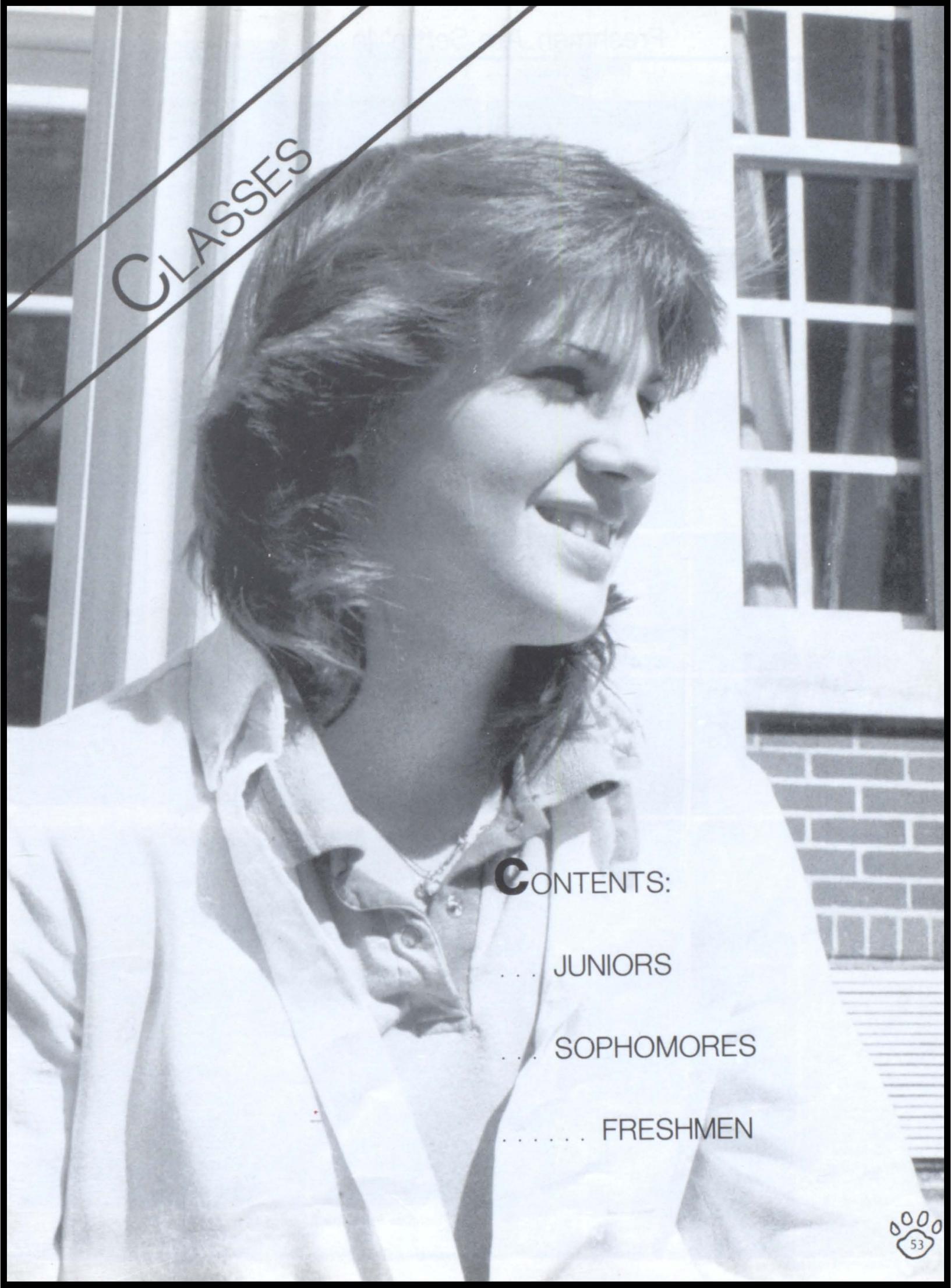
At Minor contest, freshman David Grimes exhibits the intensity of competition.



Majorettes Michele Kelly and Paula Phillips conclude their half-time routine.

The Flag Corps line up before performing for the judges.





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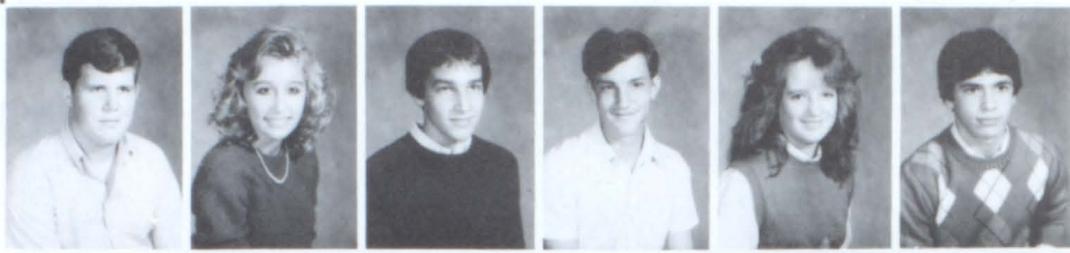
JUNIORS

SOPHOMORES

FRESHMEN

Freshmen Are Settlin' In

James Acker
Cathy Anderson
Eric Bearden
Darrell Beasley
Amy Bice
Slade Blackwell



Chris Bomar
Lamar Boothe
Richard Brantley
Janine Brasher
Daniel Broadhead
Rina Burdette



Kristen Burrage
DeAnna Bush
Kayla Chambers
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Wayne Cofer
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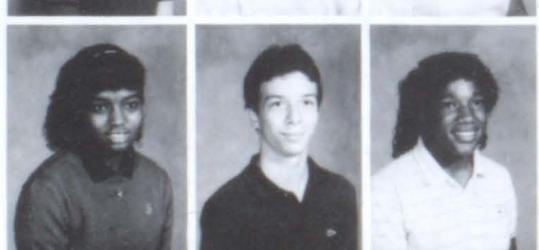
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Stephanie
Edwards
Rachele Emfinger



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Scott Evans
Teresa Farrington



Monica Fields
Lonnie Fulton
Donna Gentry



Michelle Gilmore
Tracy Goggins
Willie Goldsmith



Freshman Stephanie Edwards takes a break with senior Charles Naivar after a tough band competition at Minor High School.



MHS's Re-Active Lab

After setting deserted for over 10 years., MHS's science lab was renovated and reopened. With the instigation of new science instructor, Mrs. Carol Czerw, came ideas that initialized the beginning of a new age of science at MHS. During the course of 4 months, Mrs. Czerw used fee money from science classes to restock chemicals and other equipment in the lab. Many students put in much time and effort to paint doors, wash beakers, check out chemicals, etc., to make sure everything was in its proper place. Mrs. Czerw then added new microscopes, extra beakers and numerous other items to renew interest in science. Before this year, many students complained about not being able to see where their fee money spent since they never went into the lab. Mrs. Czerw ended all complaints with the first experiment.

In the life science areas, she added two aquariums, a live tarantula, a flying squirrel, and Vern, the rabbit.

"Vern, Vern, Vern, Vern, Vern"



David Grimes
Brian Hall
Michele Hall
Mike Hamilton



John Hardin
Kelvin Harrell
Sandy Harris
Staci Hayes



Hoy Hughes
James Ingram
Randy Johnson
Darla Jones

Freshman John McMillan is attentive during the final practice before a band competition.



Freshmen Adjust To Change

For an incoming freshman, the giant step from Middle school to high school is a large shock. No more do they have to put up with the childish single file line down the hall, but freshman are now open to the chaos of the high school halls.

Many memories can be expected over the next four years. Not all reflections back on high school will be happy ones, but that is part of going through school.

The freshmen have a great outlook about the next few years. DeAnna Bush says, "I really enjoy coming to school now. It's really great." The freedom allows time for required studying and having a little fun.

Freshmen Rhonda Murray, Lisa Lawley and Sherry Yeager enjoy the new 1983 Montala.

Freshmen Angie Epperson and Pam Woods watch fellow classmates during break.



Freshman Darla Jones proves Ag. is not just for boys.

Settlin' In



Joey Jones
Scott Jones
Danny Kelly
Belinda
Killingsworth
Michael Kimbrell
Lisa Lawley
Tommy Layton



Debra Loggins
Gina Lucas
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Maia McClain
Alison McCullough
John McMillan
Kenneth Maddox



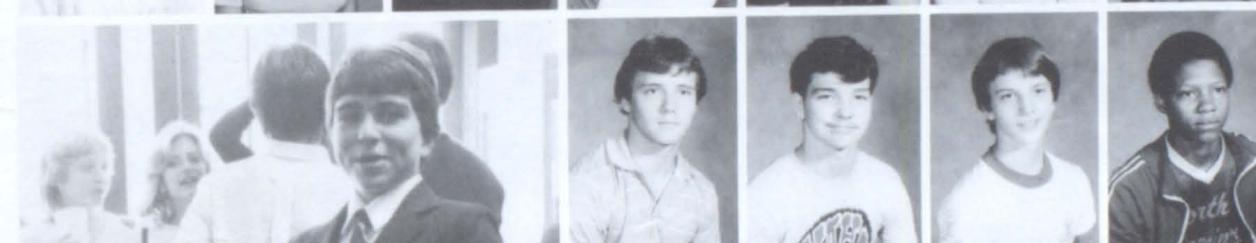
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Meg Perkins



Baird Pickett
William Potts
Sheila Readal
Eric Rochester
Sharmon Russell
Cecilia Rutledge
Chris Sailes



Jimmy Sailes
Mary Anne Sailes
Chris Sawyer
Randy Smalley
Steve Smith
Tammy Smith
Elaine Spicer



Lloyd Thrash
Charlie Tidwell
Timothy Tidwell
Fred Tolbert



Marsha Tryon
Jimmy Turnage
John Turner
Malium Walker

On Character Day, freshman Eric Rochester imitates AC/DC drummer Angus Young.



Carla Watts
Pam Woods
Renee Woods
Sherry Yeager



At Trade Day, freshman John Turner spends time cutting up with sophomore Riley Duren. Sophomore Glenn David exhibits the cutting ability of the Ag. shop's arm ban saw.

Dean Alexander
Barry Allen
Beth Allen
Andy Anderson
Laura Arnold
Scott Austin
Leah Baker



Jonathan Bates
Anita Bice
Amy Boothe
Lisa Burks
Ralph Burke
Alfred Cambell
Latresa Cardwell



Jonathan Carter
Paul Childers
Audra Clark
Doug Compton
Sophia Connell
Michelle Creel
Tina Creel



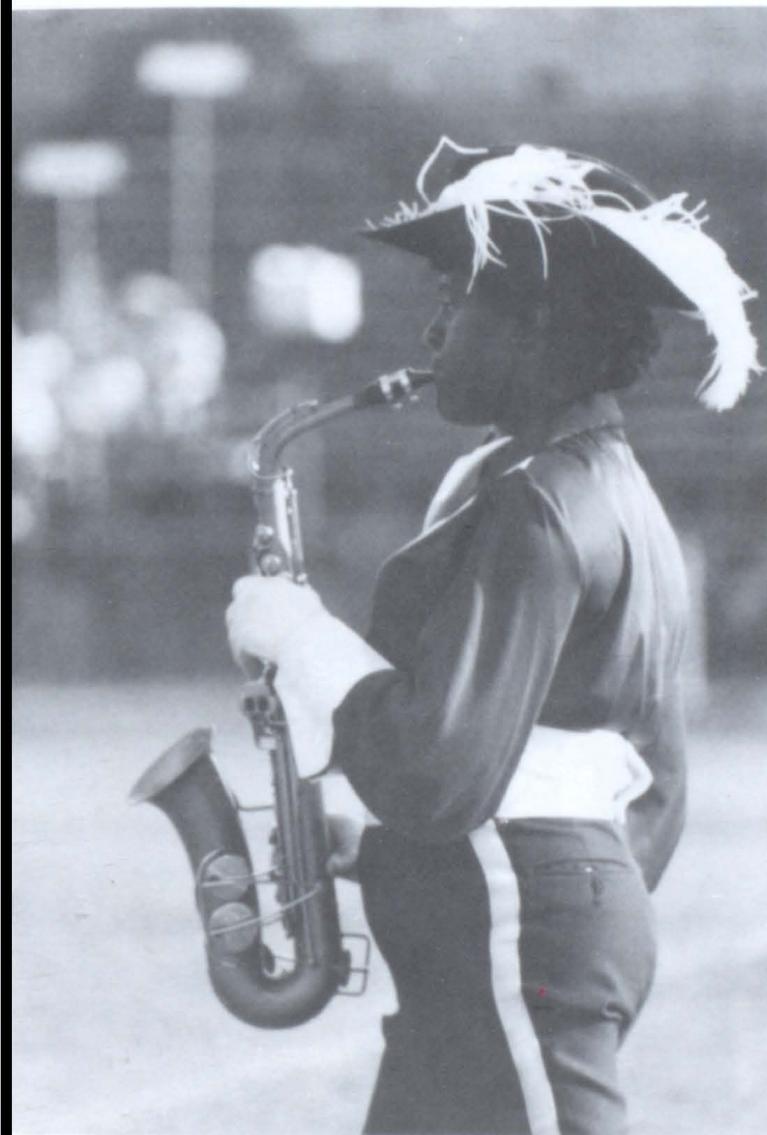
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Glenn Davis
Kenneth Dukes
Riley Duren



Bobby Eddings
Jay Edwards
Lesslie Edwards
Terry Edwards
Renae Evans



Sophomores Are Standin' Out



Danny Fancher
Laura Fancher
Trey Fennell



Marietta Fields
Renee Fisher
Lee Fulton



Toney Gaddis
Mark Gilbert
Melissa Gilbert



Cheryl Graffo
Donna Grayson
Tina Greer



Jonathan Grimes
Taffy Hall
Karla Hawks



Marcella Hayes
Danny Holmes



Sophomore Sean Roberts enjoys a relaxing game of soccer.

While concentrating hard. Sophomore Sonya Peoples gives it her all.



Hard at work in the lunchroom, sophomore Carman Wolfe takes care in keeping neat.



Sophomore Karla Hawks pauses for a smile after the Minor Marching Band Contest.

Gary Holsomback
Bridgette Hudson
George Jackson
Angie Johnson



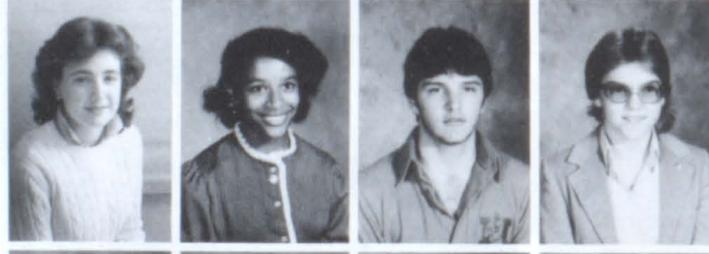
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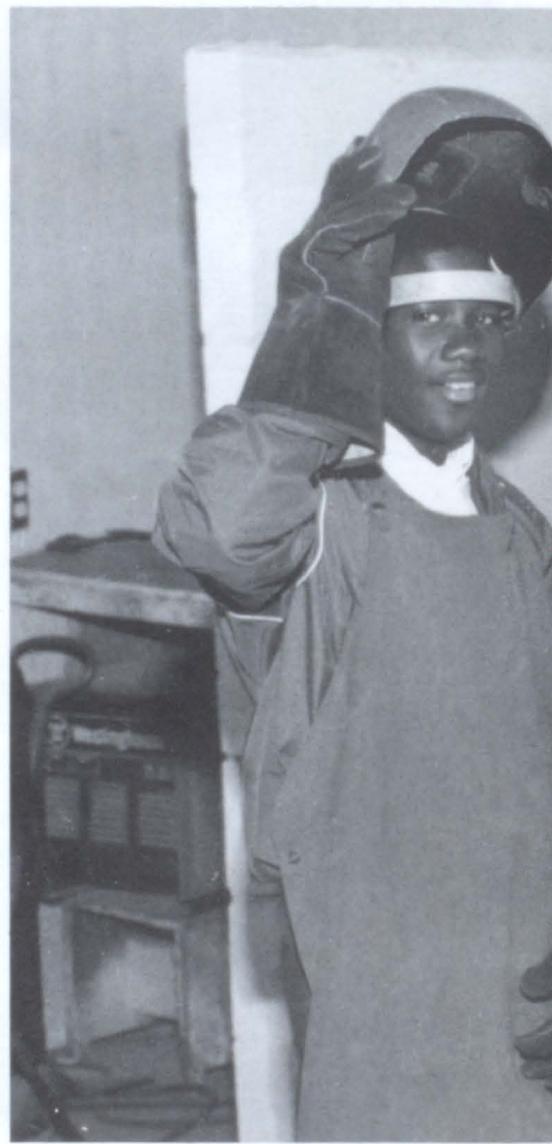
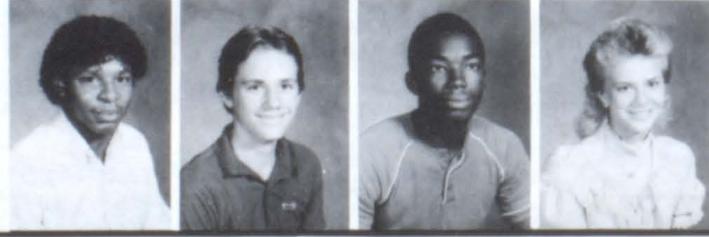
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Billy Lesley
Ann Lilly



Stann Mahan
Stephanie Mann
John Mayhall
Susie Montgomery



Tommy Morris
Dale Motes
Cedric Nix
Tracy Page



Sophomores George Jackson and Jay Cummings take a brief break at their welding in Ag.

Standin' Out



Robert Parks
Norman Payne
Sonya Peoples
Tabitha Peoples



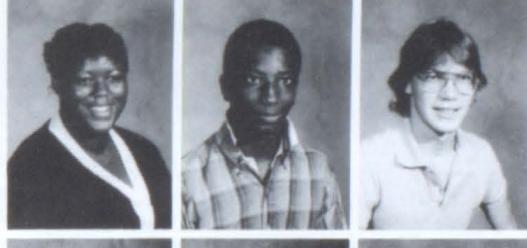
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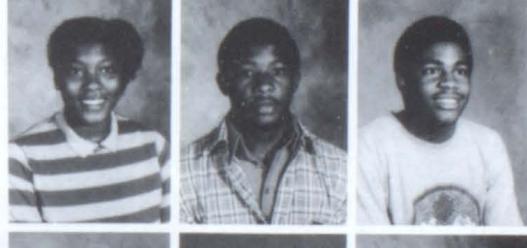
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Steve Spears
Tracey Staffney
Richie Swift



Rhonda Thomas
Elvin Thompson
Tony Thrash



Kimberly Tolbert
Charles Towner
Keith White



Denise Williams
Carman Wolfe
Veronica Young

Upper right: While drinking "the real thing", sophomore Laura Arnold breathes a sigh of relief after a tough marching competition.

Fran Agee
Angie Alexander
Angie Allen
Preston Bell

John Bolling
Andy Brindley
Dolores Bullock
Melanie Burnette



By wearing their hats, Juniors Dana Warren and Pam Hedgepath show their spirit on Hat Day.



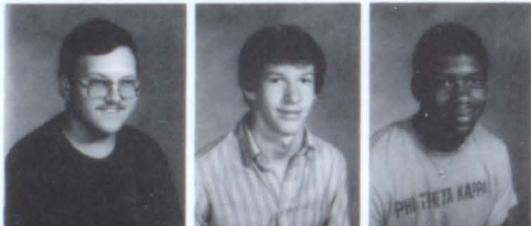
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Randy Goodwin
Norman Grayson



Douglas Green
Tommy Hammett
Kim Harris



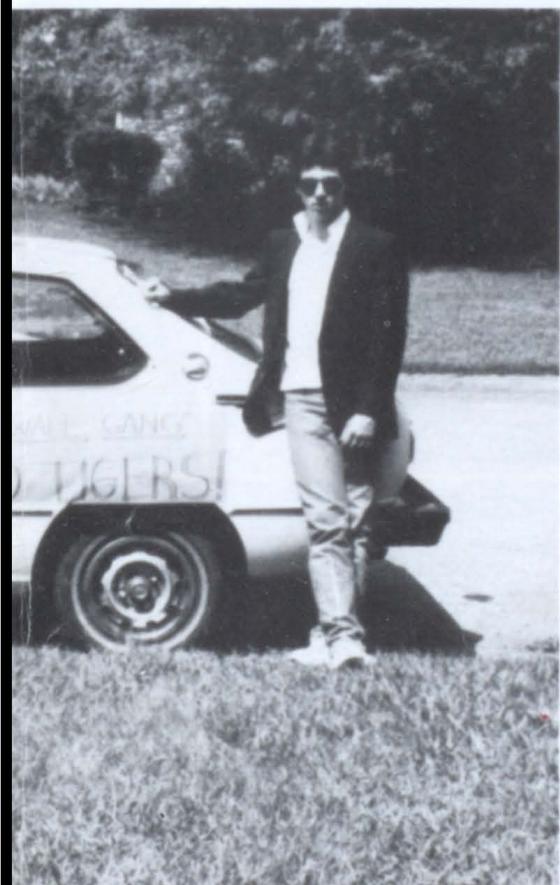
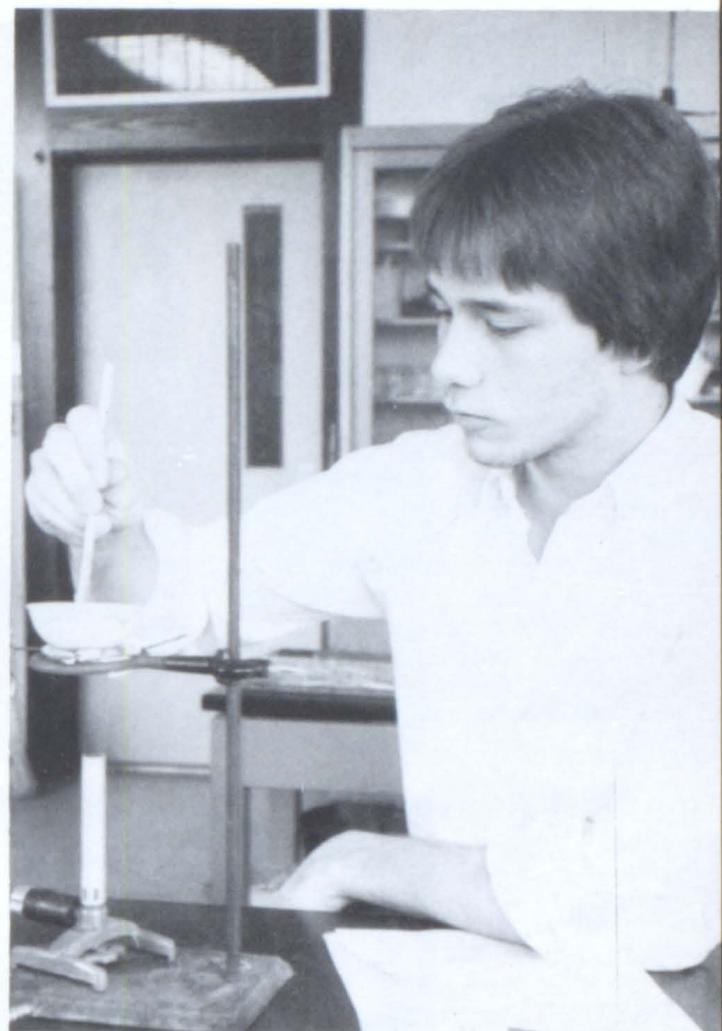
Scarlett Harrison
Pam Hegepath
Bobby Holsomback



Johnny
Holsombeck
Trey Hughes
David Hyde



Juniors Trey Hughes and Kevin Colley show pride in the Auburn Tigers, as they prepare to go to a game.



Graduation Exam Tests Competency Skills

This year was the first year for the mandatory Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) for all students beginning with the 1983-84 Juniors. This test will be given on four different occasions, twice in the students' junior year and twice in his senior year. The areas tested are basic mathematical concepts, reading comprehension, and language skills. Students must pass all three parts in order to graduate. If any part of the exam is failed all four times a certificate of attendance will be awarded in place of the diploma. In addition, not only will graduation depend upon the passage of this exam but a student must also have earned at least 22 Carnegie units.

According to student Teacher, Scott Coburn, Juniors Carla Missildine and Bob Peete are "determining the amount of water content in the crystallization of copper-sulfate."

Awsome Exams

In addition to the graduation exam some students also took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This test was designed to measure the limits of knowledge acquired by an individual. Any sophomore through senior student can take the test after paying a fee of four dollars. The test is mainly used for practice for the scholastic aptitude test (SAT). This test is used for various reasons. Junior Bert Lott stated, "This test taught me how much I don't know!" Although this test is not required for all students going to college, it is a good idea to take it because it will prepare the student on the ACT.



"I hate being short because I can't see over peoples' heads at football games." — Charles Devinner, Freshman.

"I don't like being short because people take advantage of me." — Chris Sails, Freshman.

"I hate being tall because most of the guys are shorter than I am." — Carla Missildine, Junior.

You are one of many who suffer the disadvantage of height abnormalities. Being either too tall, or too short can bring on many problems. For example, Freshman Rachele Emfinger states, "I get bossed around a lot, I can't play basketball, and I don't get to do as much as tall people, all because I'm short."

However, there are some advantages of being short or tall. For instance, shorter people are

considered "cute" they get out of trouble easily and are good at maneuvering through halls. Short people also have it easy when it comes to getting into foreign cars and desks.

On the other hand, tall people can reach things, climb trees and look through peep-holes on front doors more easily. Some disadvantages to being altitudinous are low door frames, short beds, and low shower heads. Senior Taylor Blackwell says, "It's hard to kiss girls who are too short." In addition Stanley Hopkins observes, "most tall people have big feet and are skinny." It is evident that there are both advantages to being either too tall or too short.

Junior Mike Jones is a regular GOLIATH next to freshman Rachele Emfinger.



Billy James
Audra Jones
Mike Jones
Michele Kelly
Tewana Kemp
Paula Kimbrell
Kevin Lacey



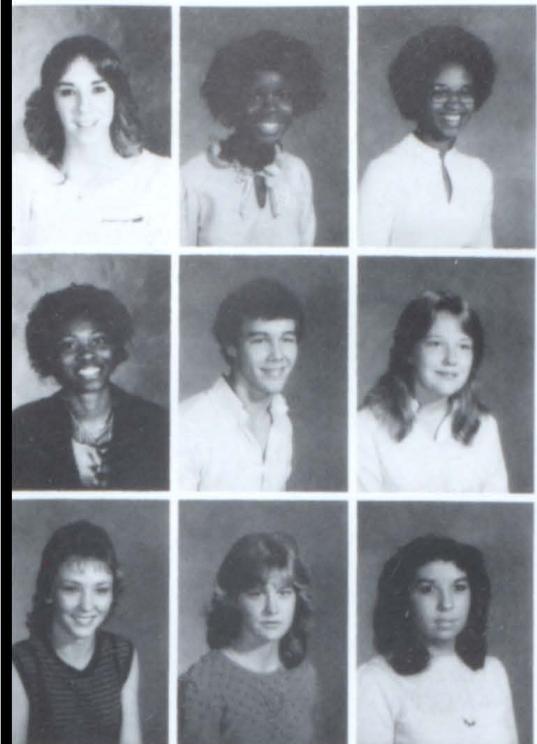
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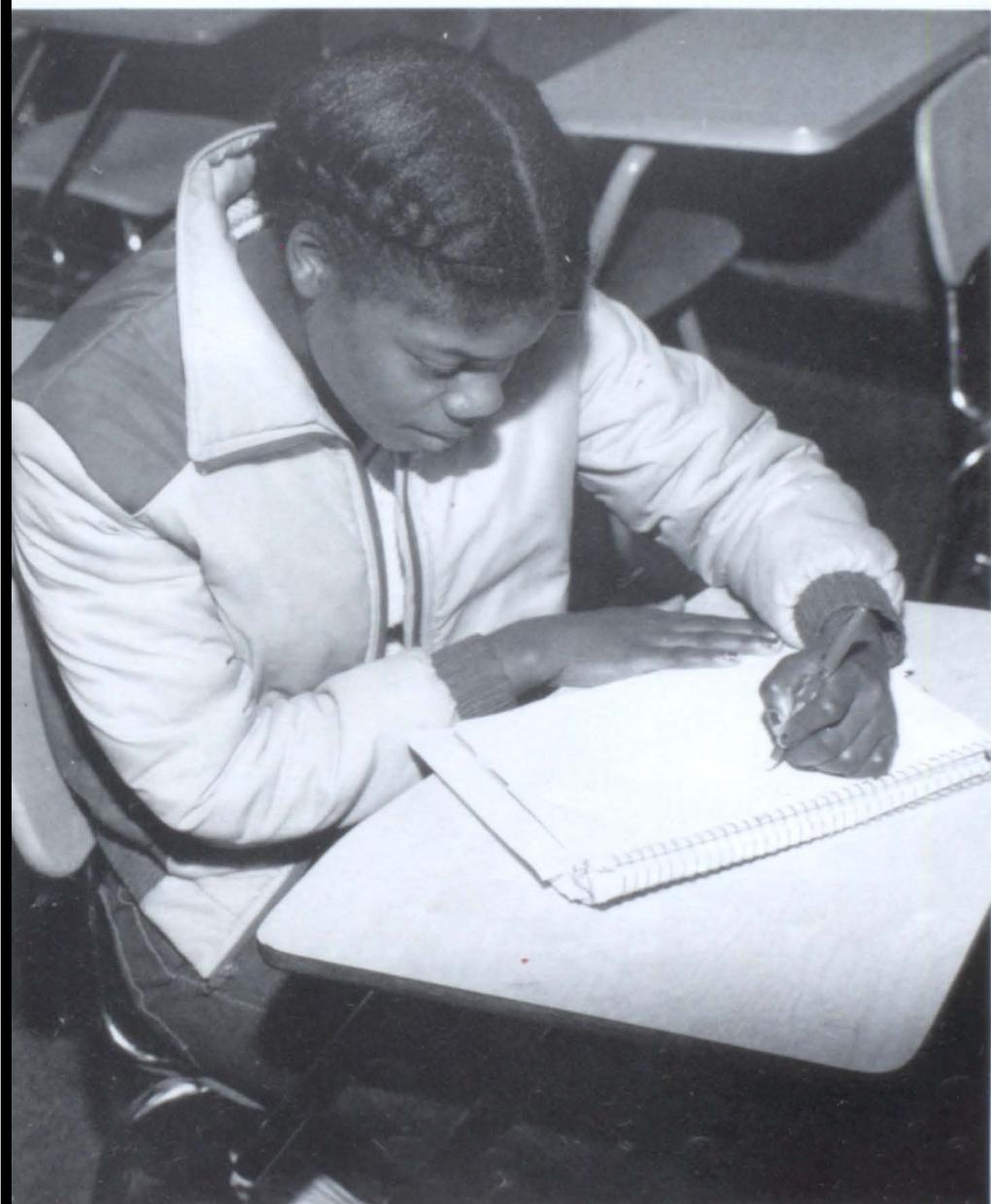
Steppin' Up



Joyce Stone
Judith Towner
Belinda Tripp

Sheila Tripp
Jim Turner
Becky Wall

Dana Warren
Jennifer Wilder
Christy Williams



Lefties — A Different Kind Of Discrimination

One group of people which is discriminated against but is not recognized as a minority is left-handed people. In this world of right-handers, southpaws encounter many problems. Gearshifts, irons, cameras, and zippers all favor right-handers.

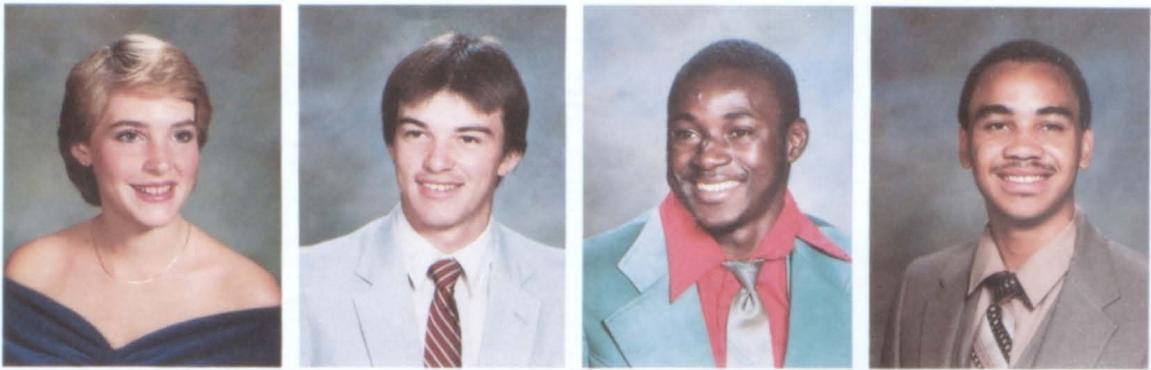
At school, desks are made backwards, even the so-called "left-handed desks" are of no help. Because notebooks have the coils on the left side, lefties discover that everything they write smears on their hand.

Another thing to cause problems is the name. In French and Russian the words for left-handed also mean deceitful or underhanded. But to counteract the name, lefties are known to be more creative. Backing up this hypothesis are such creative geniuses as Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and Pablo Picasso. With such fellow left-handers as these, anyone should be proud to be a "southpaw". It can definitely be said that lefties are "all right."

above: Junior Michele Kelly watches over her chemistry experiment.

Junior Lisa Devinner works around one of the many problems of being left-handed.

Cheri Allen
Ronny Argo
Lester Arnold
Tyrone Bell



Taylor Blackwell
Sharon Bolden
Lisa Brasher
Mark Broadhead



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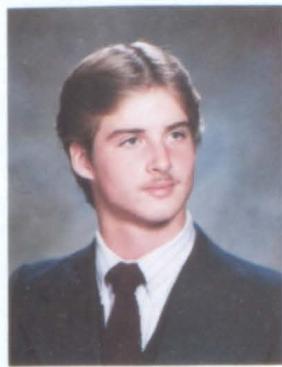


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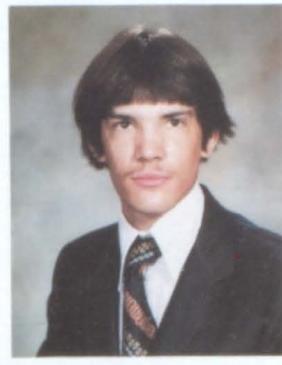




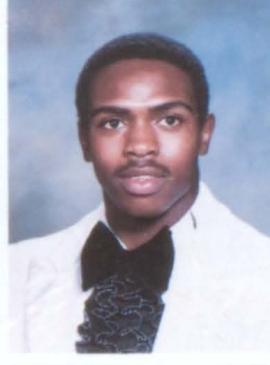
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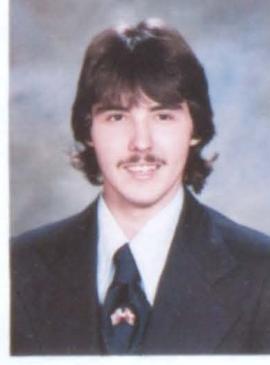
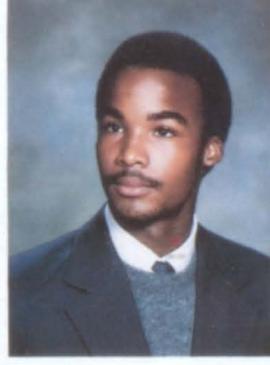
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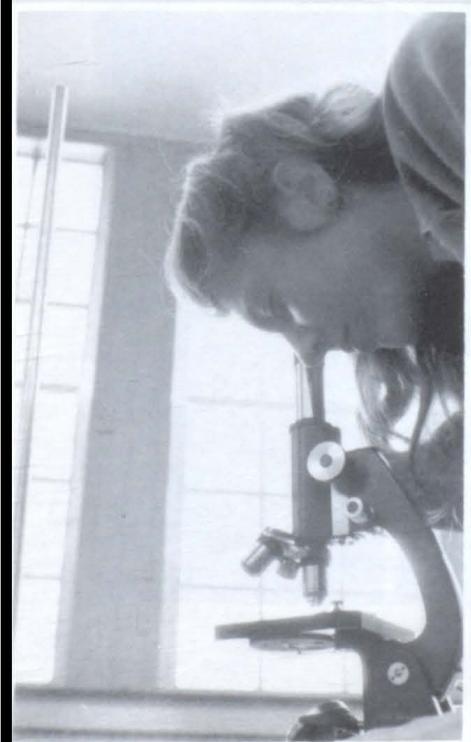
Dropping By The Shops

"Working in the lab is a lot of fun, it's a chance to really do something instead of just studying from books", comments freshman Kara Child. Many students who become involved in classes like Ag, Home Ec, Biology or Chemistry find that there is more to learning than just textbooks. In subjects such as these, much class time is spent in giving students first hand experience. Woodworking, sewing, and lab experiments are an important part of learning. With the use of this experience the reasoning involved in solving various problems can be seen more easily. Therefore, students may put this knowledge to practical use throughout their future.

Sophomore Stann Mahan, operating a Bandsaw, demonstrates that girls studying Agriculture as well as boys studying Home Economics is not uncommon.

Junnie Craig demonstrates to Juniors Carol Paschel and Lisa Devinner how to put in a waistband.





Freshman Marsha Tryon finds the microscope helpful in locating one-celled animals.

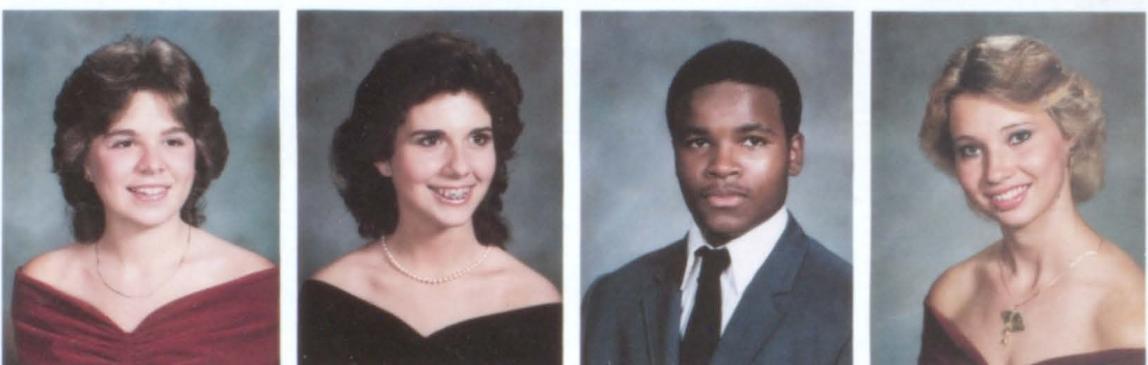
Biology students learn from Mrs. Carol Czerw how to tell the age of a tree by the rings.

Sophomore Jonathon Bates looks on as his classmate Terry Edwards planes a board in their third period Ag class.

Donna Harris
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Kristi Hayes
Mark Herron



Lisa Hicks
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Jerome Holmes
Lisa Holsomback



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Stanley Hopkins
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Dwayne Jackson

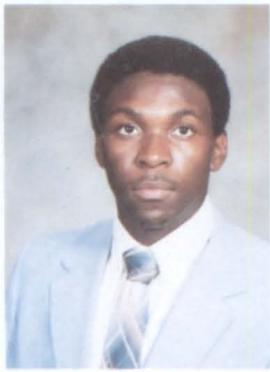


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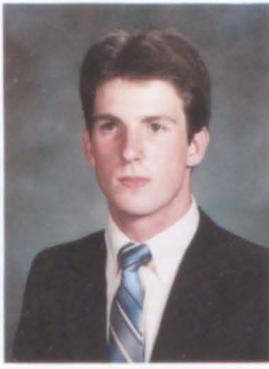


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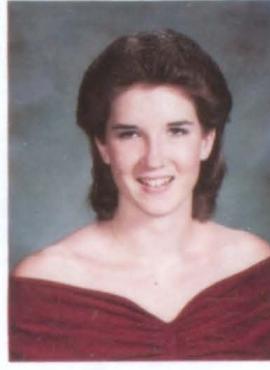
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Larry Readal



Carl Rutledge
Leslie Rutledge
Clyde Sailes
Nancy Shinnick

Montala And You

Give Us A Memory

The Montala staff has added excitement to its traditional method of delivering yearbooks. To add pizzazz, they incorporated a thirty minute break on a beautiful fall day. For the students' enjoyment, a coke party was thrown. With this comfortable atmosphere, the students had a chance to enjoy their new books and reflect on the past year with their friends.

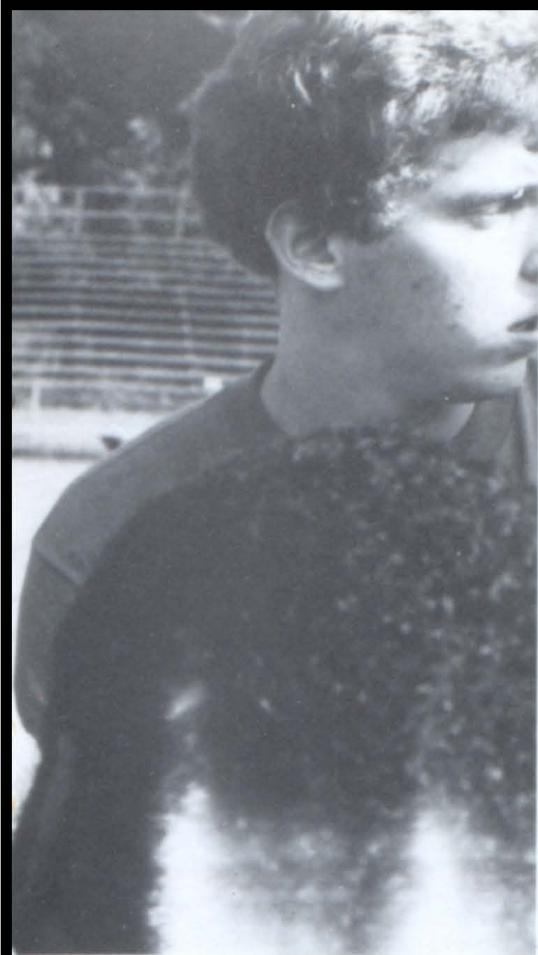


Quarterbacking for the Troubadours, Senior John Hawkins calls the next play.

Students of all ages skim through the new yearbooks in search of their pictures.

Classmates Lori Rovelstad and Veronica DeVould share a coke and a smile as they admire the 1983 Montala.





Troubies To The Rescue

After the Thompson Warriors defeated our Bulldogs in September, a few male members of the band decided to get revenge. On Sunday, October 9, the Montevallo Troubadours defeated Thompson's Southern Sounds in a hard fought game of tackle football. Several questions arose at the beginning of the game: "Was the muscular guy who bench-

es 450 lbs. really in the band?" "Did the guy with the long beard really play a trombone with fourteen positions?" But do not fear; the Troubadours' awesome defense and demanding offense ran over those Warriors.

The Southern Sounds started the game off by making a quick touchdown, but that didn't scare those

Drum Major Shan Davis eagerly awaits the snap of the ball.

Junior Belinda Tripp and Sophomore Herman Purnell peer over the shoulder of Sophomore Renae Evans and regret not having theirs in hand.

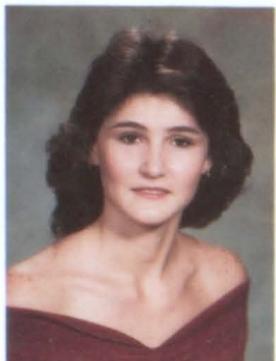


Troubadours. Senior Nicky Davis then demonstrated his miraculous speed with a 40-yard touchdown making the score 7-7. By the third quarter, the Troubadours were winning by 6 points. This wasn't enough for them, so they squeezed in one more touchdown before the game ended. Final score: 28-16!

Felecia Shockley
Beth Sides
Jennifer Siegrist
Marcia Smalley



Kim Smitherman
Quenton Smitherman
Tracy Smitherman
Erin Spicer



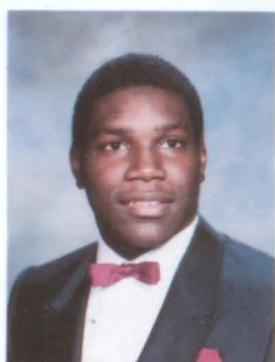
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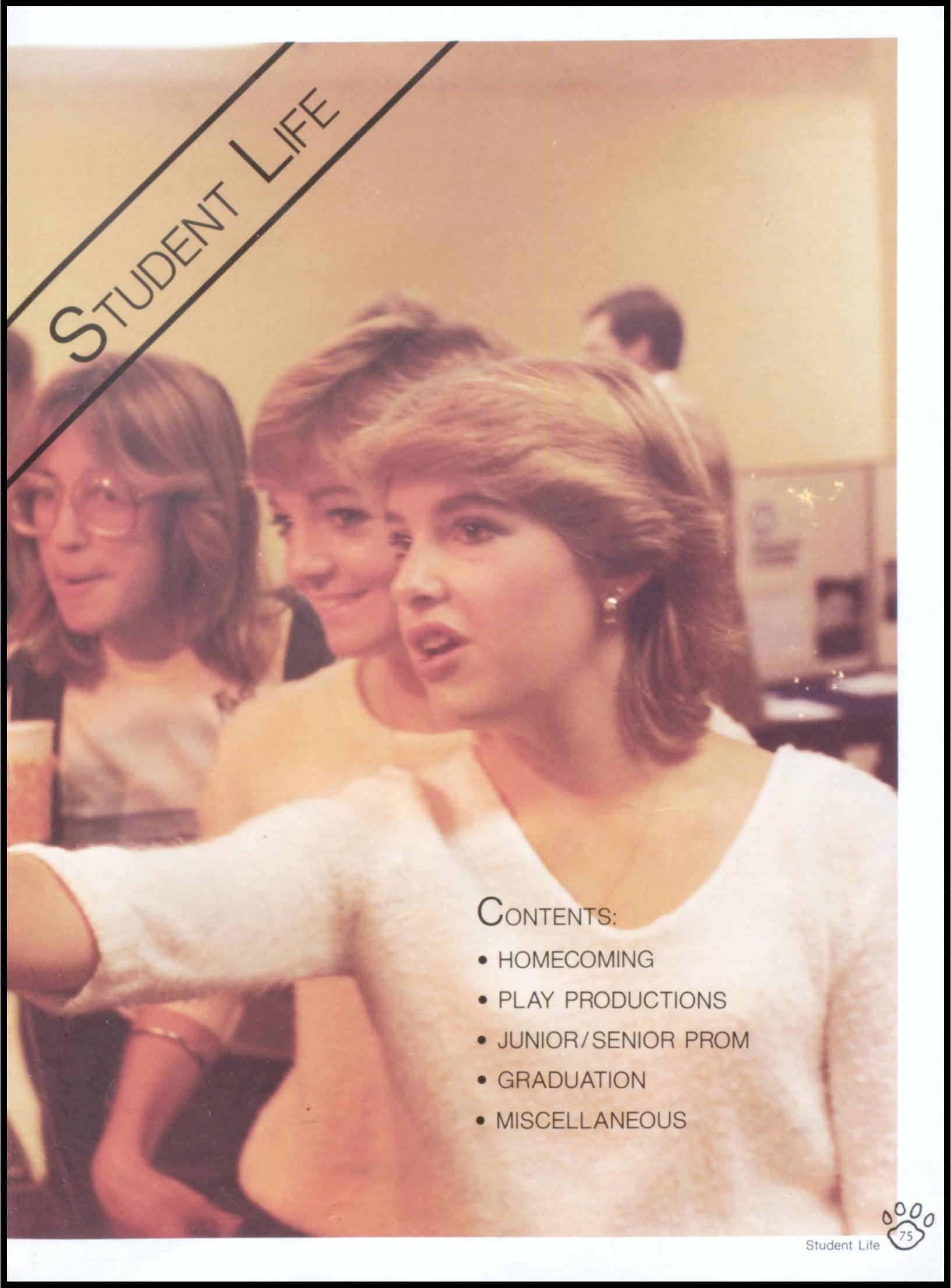


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Ralph Towner
Anita Tryon
Jim Wade



Paula Williams
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Barry Worthey
Donita Dunn



A color photograph of a group of students in a school hallway. In the foreground, a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a white t-shirt, looks towards the camera with a slight smile. Behind her, another student with glasses and brown hair is visible. In the background, other students are walking by.

STUDENT LIFE

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Something To Treasure



above: Freshman attendant Amy Bice steps onto stage for the lead out at the Homecoming dance.

above left: Senior Jerome Holmes escorts Homecoming Queen Donna Harris at the lead out.

"The people, the court members, the excitement of being crowned Homecoming Queen and the wonderful dance that followed." That's what senior Donna Harris remembers most about Homecoming.

What sticks out in your mind most about Homecoming Week? Was it the spirit days, Orange and Blue Day, Sadie Hawkins' Day, Formal/Character Day, Inside-Out Day and Hat Day? Maybe it was the balloons released at the game for the Great Balloon Race.

Senior Clyde Sailes remembers "How sad I was because it was the last home game and the last dance." Junior Jim Turner commented, "I remember how great the auditorium looked."



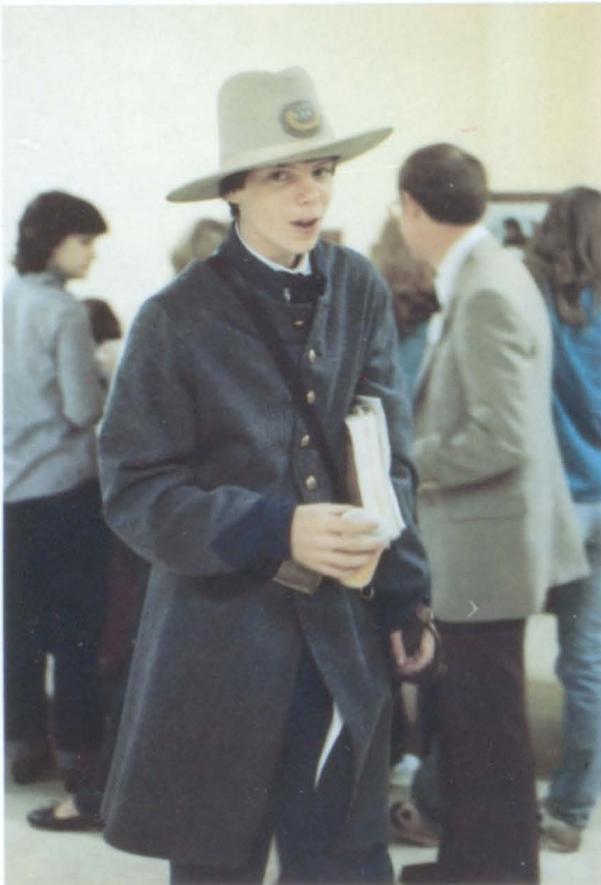
Homecoming court for 1983: Melody Thompson, Latressa Cardwell, Carol Fulmer, Michele Kelly, Donna Harris, Wanda Sloan, Amy Bice, and Suzat Rutledge.

Sophomore attendant Wanda Sloan examines 'Monte's' paw as freshman attendant Melody Thompson keeps her eyes on the game.

Something To Treasure . . . Add The Golden Touch

"And now her majesty the queen . . ." These were the magical words that highlighted the pregame show of Homecoming night. As the band played softly in the background, the idea of Homecoming was evident in the mind of each individual in the crowd. However, Homecoming is not just the crowning of a new queen each year. It is a continuing tradition; a day preceded by a week of loyal support and enthusiasm. On each day of this week, members of the student body displayed many of the qualities that give this week its title, Spirit Week.

This special week started on Monday, October 17th, with Character-Formal Day, and was followed by Inside-Out, Hair, Hat, and Shade Day, Sadie Hawkins Day, and Orange and Blue Day. These fun filled days were succeeded by a fiery night with the annual bonfire. As the sacrificial tiger was thrown into the flames, the vision of the next day's game presented itself to everyone. This night proved to be very special, not only to our newly crowned queen, Donna Harris, but for the victorious football team when they defeated B.B. Comer 24-0!



A fire baton routine is traditional during half-time as shown by Sophomore Michele Creel.



Junior Michael Martin shows off an authentic Confederate uniform at College Day during Spirit Week.



The ripping aggressiveness of the Bulldogs foretold the 24-0 victory over the B.B. Comer Tigers.

While taking a quick break from the dance floor, our queen Donna Harris, Stacy Hedrick, and Junior Jim Turner catch a few laughs.

Rebecca Hicks led the mum sales for the Spotlight Staff during Homecoming week.

Freedom Jam Rocks MHS

In August, 'Freedom Jam' from St. Petersburg, Florida, stunned MHSers with their fantastic sound and great energy.

The musicians showed how to have fun and stay out of trouble. The group stressed that drugs and alcohol are not cool. Yet, rock-n-roll can still be enjoyed with straight minds.

The student council sponsored the event and hopes to have them back.

Such songs as 'Wanna Be Startin' Something', by Michael Jackson; 'Faithfully' by Journey; Def Leppard and Van Halen hits blasted through the auditorium to the screams of the student body.

An air-guitar contest was held with seniors Larry Readal and Tracy Smitherman walking away with the prize.

'Freedom Jammers' flash smiles while entertaining MHSers.

Senior Tracy Smitherman 'gets down' during the air guitar contest.



MHS concert goers look on while guitarist rocks the house.



The Right Stuff

Cheers!! Screams!! Excitement!! All of these emotions were witnessed at Fisher Stadium at the annual Montevallo Orange vs. Blue game. On March 12, 1984, the Montevallo Bulldogs divided and lined up for battle. For some players this was their first competitive challenge in the sport of football. The Blue presented a strong offense, scoring 34 points with Andy Chism leading the pack. The Orange team members retaliated with a score of 8 — but the force of the Blue was overwhelming.



Freshman Cathy Anderson looks around at the game.

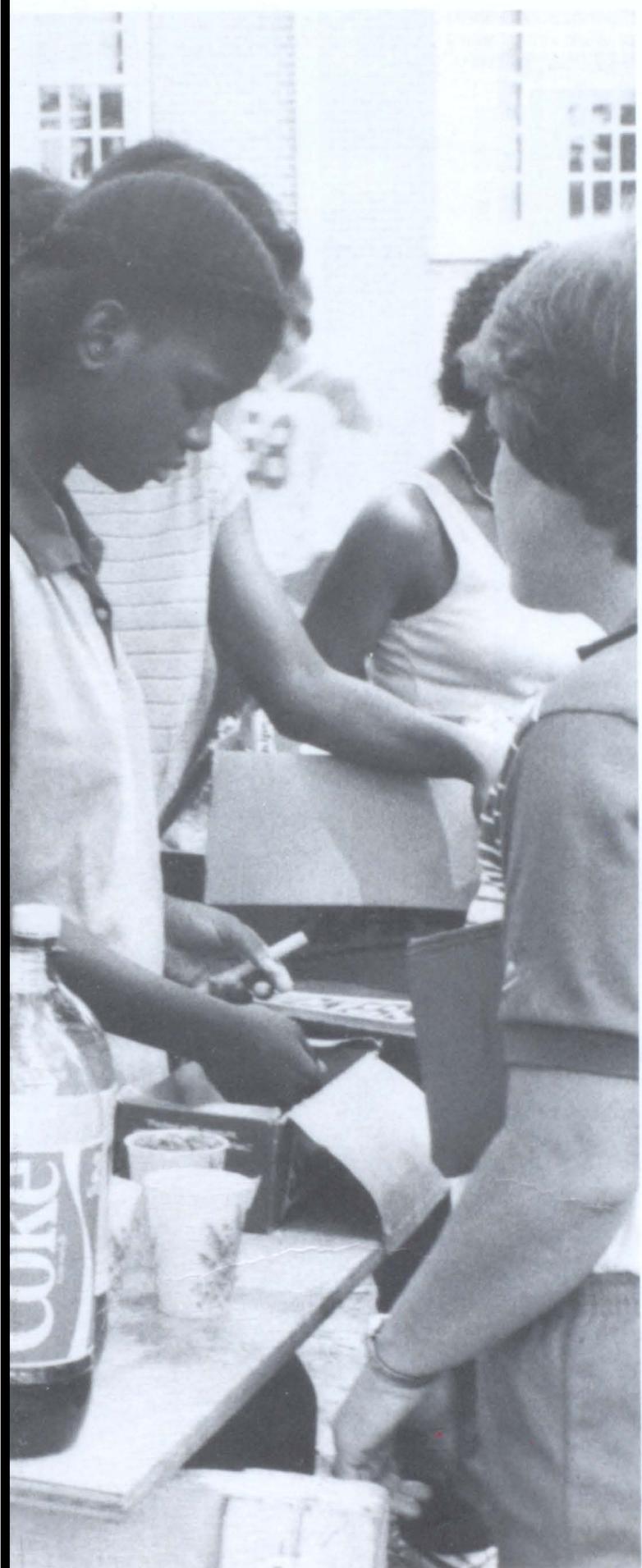
Andy Chism runs with the ball.

Coach Pierson talks to players before game time.

Student Life Is . . .

Student Life is more than organized sports and clubs. It is raising money for uniforms, making friends with elders and supporting our teams. Student life is involvement in school.





Student life is helping with elementary track and field and Special Olympics. It is participation in school functions and cleaning the school for the accreditation team. It is being a friend, a twin, and, most of all, part of Montervallo High School!!



You don't have to be smart . . .

Just Dedicated

For all those hours spent studying, for all those sleepless nights; for all those research papers and tests, for everything you do to become "the best you can be," "this one's for you." The 27th annual awards day is for all those people who were willing to give up a little fun for a lot of glory in the end. This day is their day, honors day for the achievers at MHS. A lot of work goes into awards day. For months and years ahead of this day students must constantly aim for top grades and good attitudes. Dr. Linda Mahan spoke at this year's awards day encouraging students to do their best. She caught everyone's attention by using Michael Jackson as an example of determination. Afterwards students returned to their classes with more incentive to achieve something.



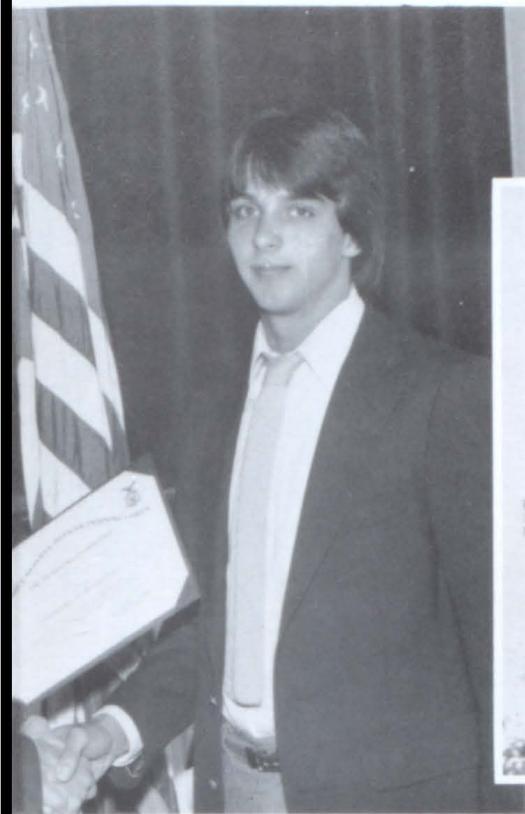
Senior Athletes who earned letters for their efforts.

Valedictorian Susan Hardin and Salutatorian Erin Spicer proudly pose for a picture.



The Presidents Award — Larry Readal; Theron Fisher Award — Taylor Blackwell; Good Sportsmanship — Barry Worthey.

Scholarship Winners — Nicky Davis, Taylor Blackwell, Ricky Dobson, Larry Readal, Susan Hardin, John Hawkins, Tyrone Bell, Erin Spicer.



Senior John Hawkins receives Air Force ROTC Scholarship for full paid 4 years tuition. John plans to use the scholarship at Georgia Tech.





Society of Distinguished American High School Students — Susan Hardin, Erin Spicer, Paula Williams, Laurie Davidson, Kay Klemenc, John Hawkins, Larry Readal, Nicky Davis and Mary Anne Hood.

Jo Lynn Lesley receives the Rotary Citizen of the Year Award from Ralph Sears.

Typing Winners — Johnny Holsombeck, Bonita Paschel, Michelle Creel and Andy Anderson.

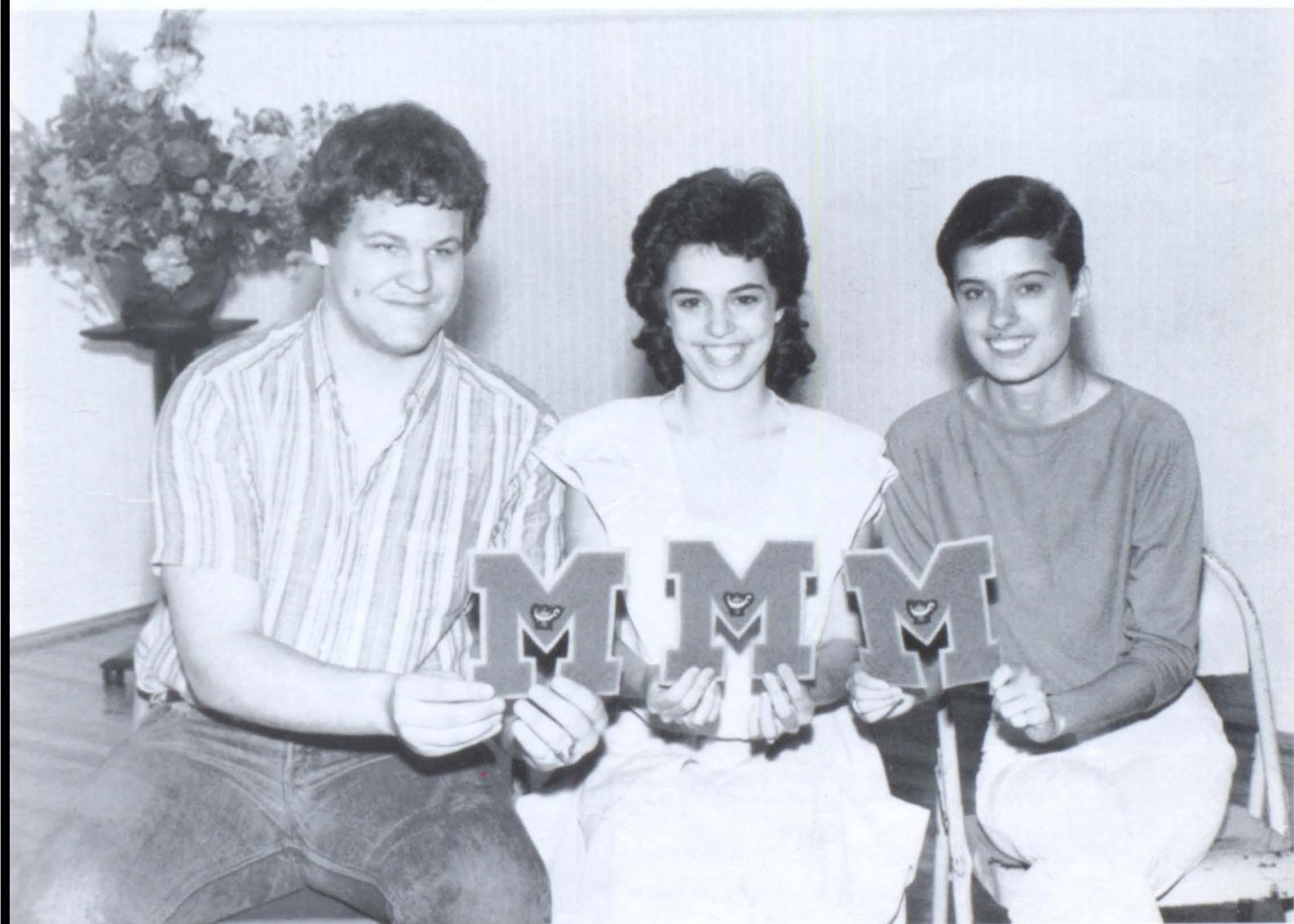


Boys and Girls State — Andy Brindley, Michele Kelley; American Legion Award — Taylor Blackwell and Susan Hardin; D.A.R. Good Citizen — Keith Moore; Danforth Award — Scarlett Harrison and Kevin Colley.



Miss Susie DeMent prepares for Awards Day ceremonies.

School letters for Students with All A's — Burt Lott, Susan Hardin and Erin Spicer.



Puttin' On The Ritz

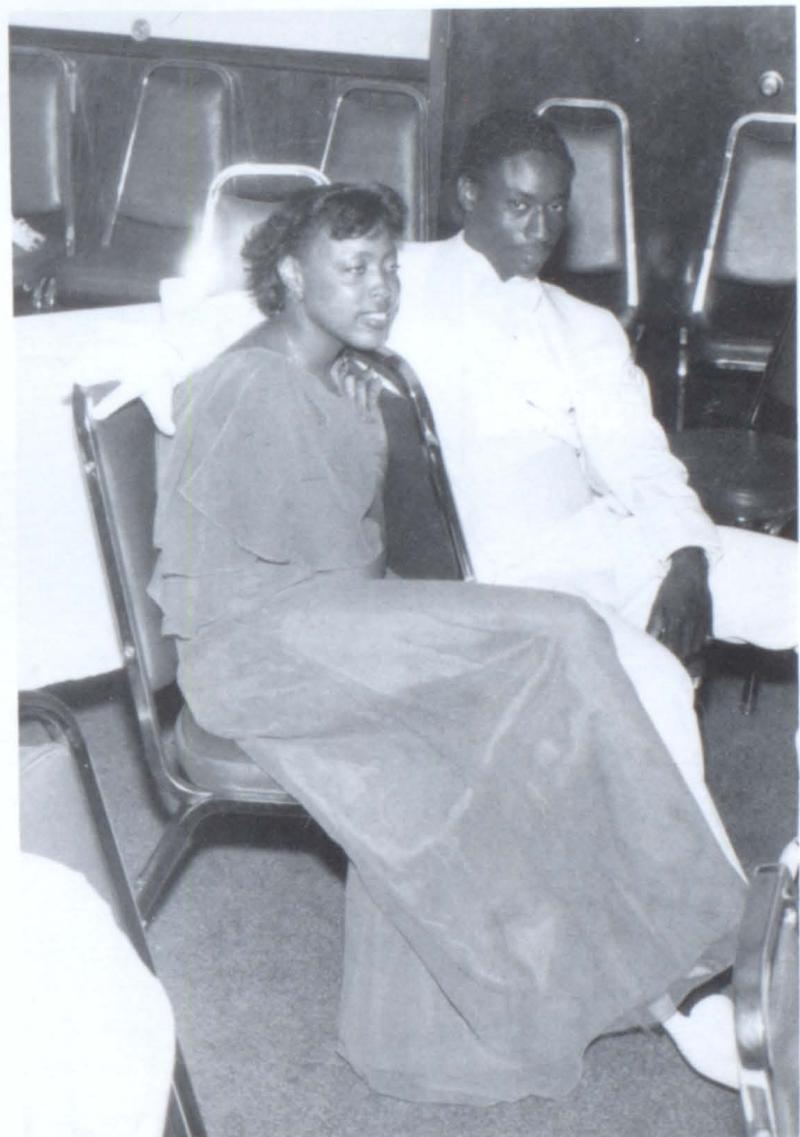


The White Tux
The Laidback Look
The Cane
The Tails

It's a certain look, a special walk and feeling. It's style, it's class — that's what it takes to be the 'perfect prom person'. Not just anyone can become one, but on May 12, 1984 at the MHS junior/senior prom everyone in attendance looked and acted the part of the perfect prom person. On the following pages one can see:

1. Perfect prom people dancing
2. Perfect prom people eating
3. Perfect prom people having a perfectly peachy time.

So take notes and remember "When you've got it, you've got it and they definitely have it".



Juniors Johnny Holsombeck, Andy Brindley and Scarlett Harrison take a breather at the prom.

Larry Readal and Lori Rovelstad dance the night away.

Leslie Rutledge and date relax between dances.

... Puttin' On The Ritz



Laurie Davidson and Larry Readal join in on the fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne enjoy the prom together.

Mike Stephens and Michael Martin chat with Wade Leach and his date.





Rita Brown and James Carter move to the beat of the music.

Mike Steaphens and his date enjoy the band.

Penny Stoudenmire and Bill Allen try out the refreshments.

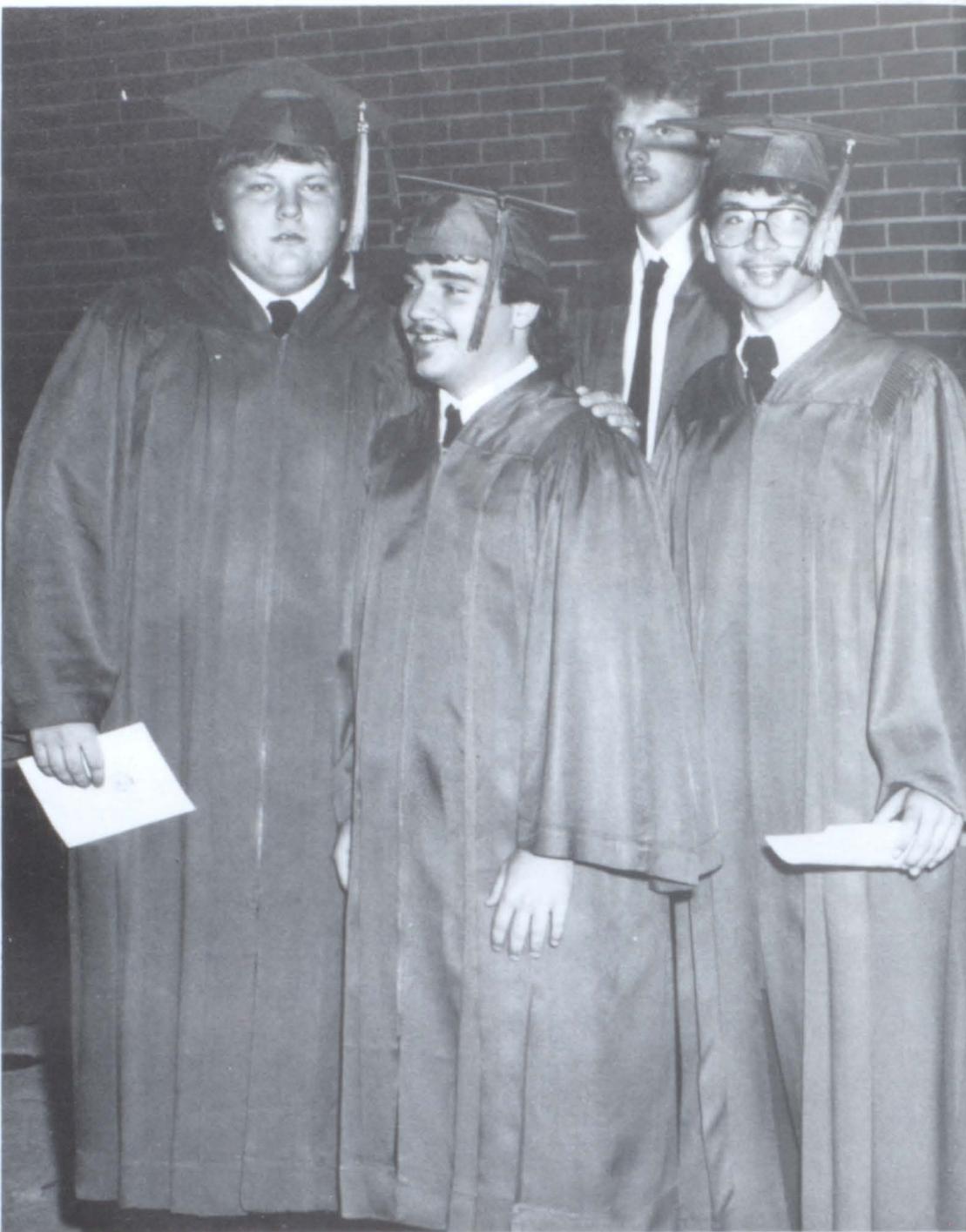
Fran Agee and her date take a look at a point of interest.

It was a night of many emotions on May 24, 1984, as 100 students received their diplomas in Palmer Auditorium. Guest speaker Victor Poole spoke to the graduates about their future. Valedictorian Susan Hardin posed the question "What is your purpose in life?" in her address.

A reception was held in the (MHS) auditorium where parents, friends, and faculty chatted with the honored students.

From the reception many would travel home, but others would head for Florida, Gulf Shores and other Senior celebration spots to enjoy their freedom.

Seniors Robby Johnson, Shawn Dennis, Eric Burrage and Cecil Frost eagerly await the graduation ceremonies.



Victor Poole speaks to the graduation class on their upcoming journey.

The Class of 1984 show their exuberance in a toast to the future.

... Leave The Past

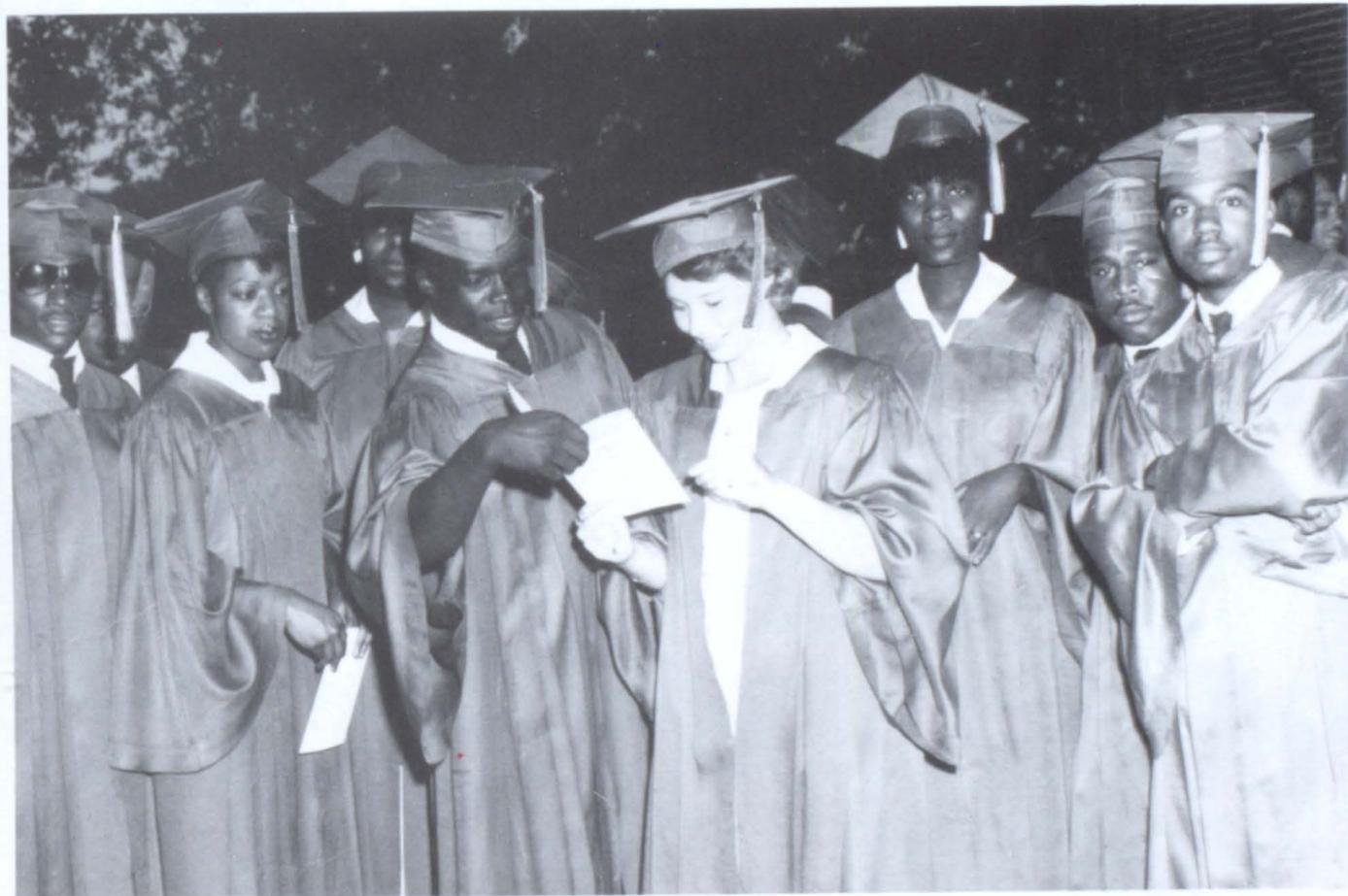


Cynthia Chapman proudly accepts her diploma

Valedictorian Susan Hardin addresses the audience with her speech.

Seniors file in while family and friends look on.

Lisa Holsomback and Jeff Chism search for their names on the graduation program while other graduates look on.



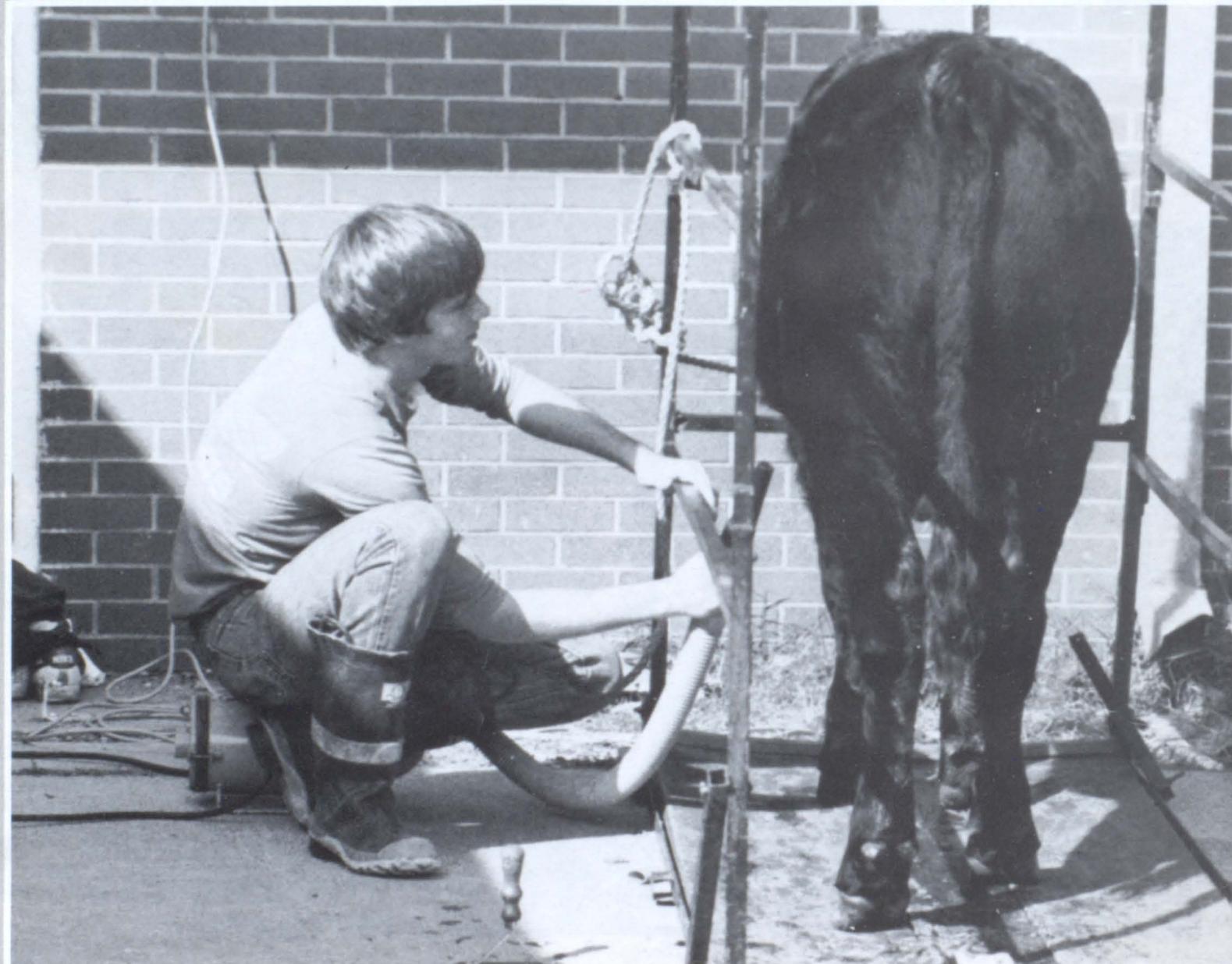
Dreams That Last A Lifetime

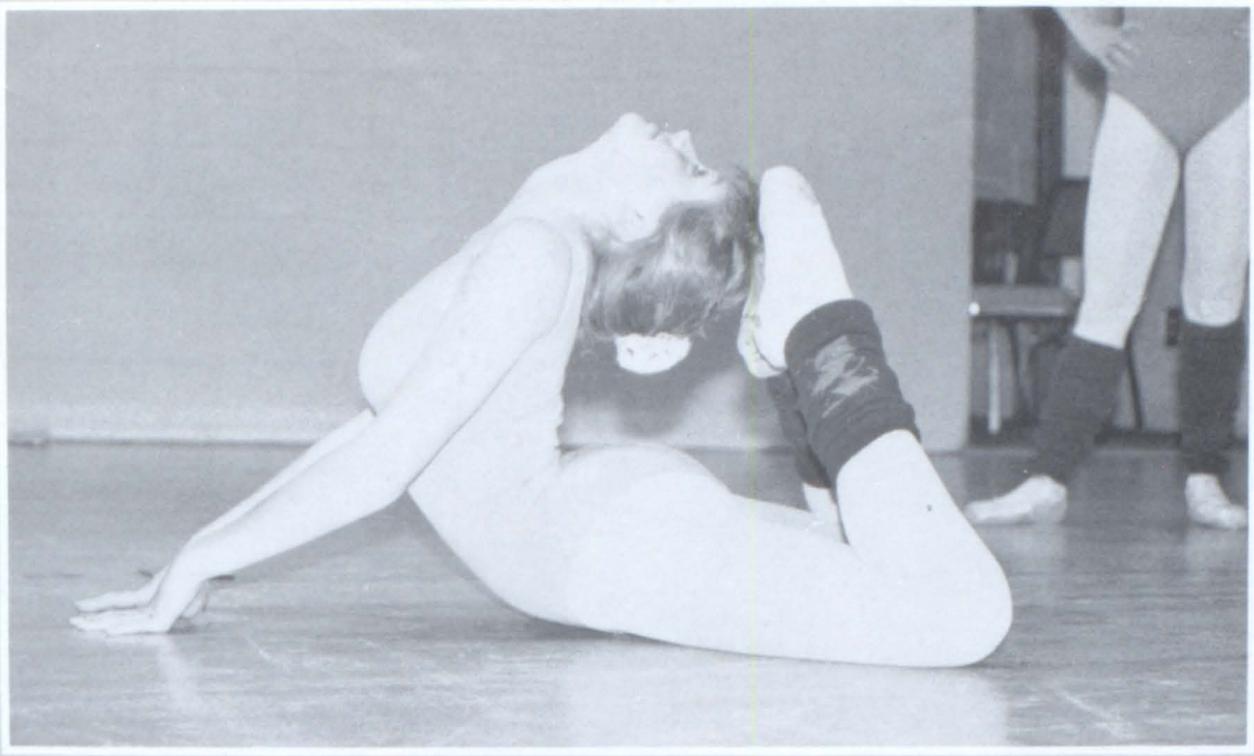
Several people throughout the year found time out from the daily school routine to live out their dreams, achieve something extra, or just better themselves. For Kara Child and Susan Hardin, it was being in a dance troop. For FFA members it was winning such awards as the Chapter Award, Building Our American Communities Award, and the Superior Chapter Award. For Carol Fulmer, Kevin Staffney, Michael Jones, Carol Paschel and Jimmy Rochester, it was helping out in the Special Olympics held at the Theron Fisher Stadium. For Susan Hardin it was becoming one of the top 10 finalists in the State Junior Miss Pageant.

It is very important to set goals and to dream, but it is even more important to carry those goals out and to achieve. So, starting now, make a wish and set a few goals; but always remember, we are what we want to be and we can become anything we want, if we only try.

FFA Officers for 1983-84: Bob Peete, Robby Johnson, Jonathan Bates, Timmy Nash, Norman Payne, Rick Perry and Michael Martin

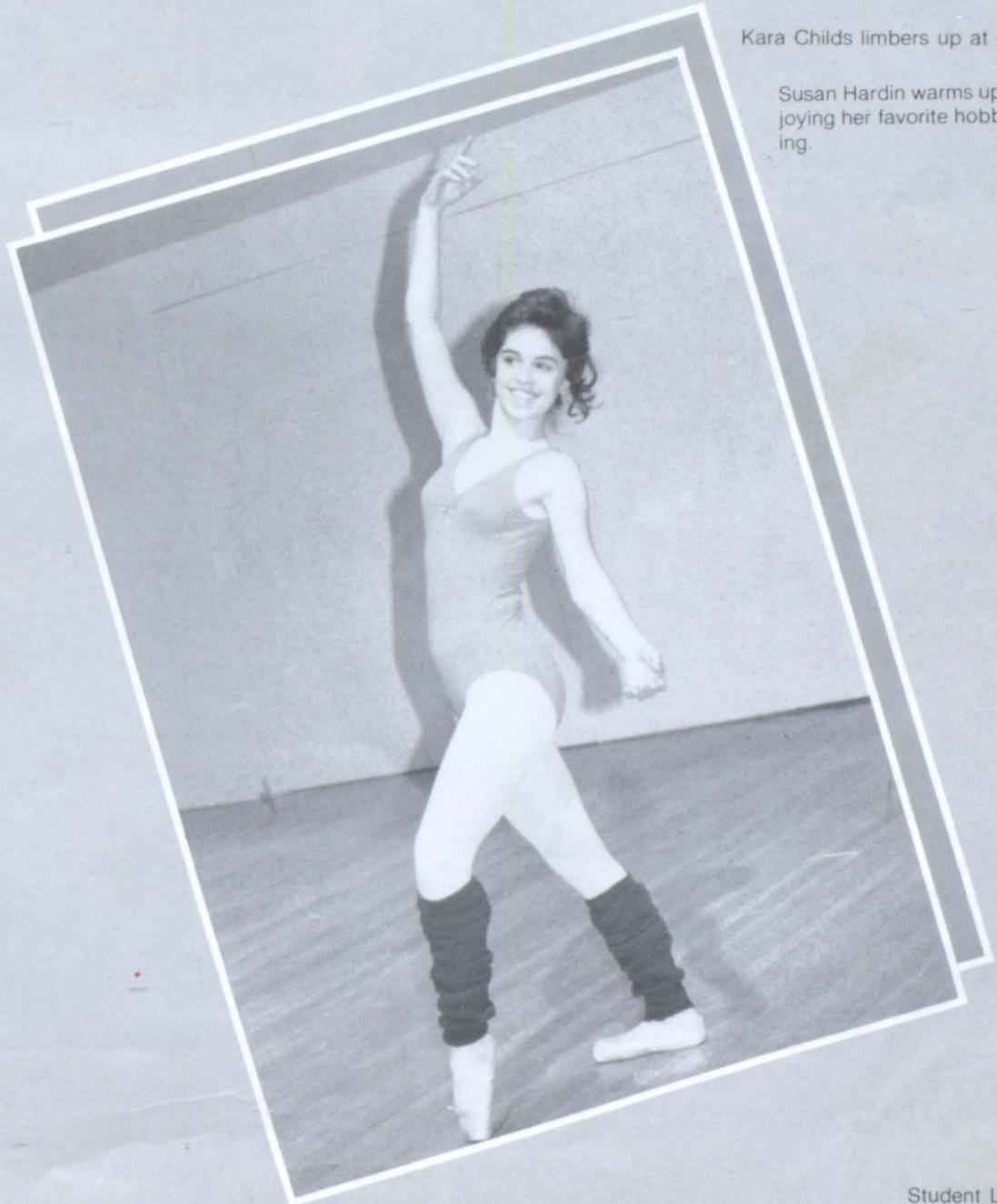
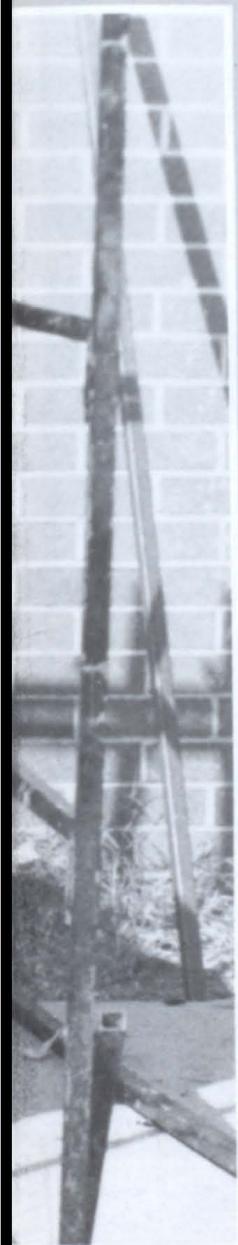
Bob Peete prepares his steer for the big show.





Kara Childs limbers up at dance class.

Susan Hardin warms up before enjoying her favorite hobby — dancing.



Spirit — A Thing Of The Past



What happened to all the spirit in the '83 pep rallies? Students have always shown their loyalty to the Bulldogs by yelling at the pre-game pep rallies. However, as the football team moved up in the ratings, spirit dropped. The downward plunge began when the "class competition" was suddenly cut out.

The class rivalry added excitement and helped to pep up the team. The football players are more than just part of a team; they belong to one of the classes and enjoy the spirit of competition. This form of cheering was a unique way to involve each of them with all the other students. One of the football players commented, "The best part of the pep rallies was when the classes competed."

The thrill of a pending championship was not evident at the rallies. Instead, the spirit diminished weekly.

Isn't it better to have everyone cheer than only a handful?



Coach Bobby Pierson and "the band" get the school jamming at a Pep Rally.

Seniors Jeff Gentry, Kevin Staffney, and Kelvin Thompson show how MHS class spirit booms at Pep Rallies.

Decisions . . . Decisions . . . Decisions

The game of chess is hard to understand, and even more difficult to play. It involves extreme concentration, and an ability to visualize an opponent's move before it occurs.

Within the school, chess was played by those few enthusiasts, at every break, and two out-

standing chess players emerged. Junior Jim Turner and his brother John, a freshman, showed their excellence by winning the school competition and advancing to the county tournament. There, John received first place while Jim placed second, each representing his grade level.



Miss Susie DeMent holds spirit together with her orange and blue attire, banners, and bulletin boards for athletic seasons, and boosting speeches.

Senior David Murphy looks on in anticipation while Senior John Hawkins plans his strategy.

A closer view shows as the strategy is carried out.



Monte and Sophomore Norman Payne take time out at a Pep Rally to chat.

In an effort to get involved, sophomore Susie Montgomery, Aka Monte, not only succeeded in that, but also boosted school spirit.

Catch That Bulldog Spirit

What possible satisfaction could a person get out of running around in bulldog suit cheering at football and basketball games? Sophomore Susie Montgomery has always had a lot of school spirit but did not know how to express it. She got the idea for a "dress-up" mascot from several colleges, and then her mother made her the costume.

There were several problems which the Monte costume caused. During the August and September football games, Susie got hot. Besides the heat during the early season, Susie had very limited visibility and fell several times. One of the most discouraging problems, however, was that the opposing teams' fans often jeered at her and on occasion even hit her! To Susie, though, "It is all worth it when I make someone smile."





During her stay, Jane Grant, discussed the various differences between American teenagers and British teenagers.



Live An Adventure

During the month of October, there was a unique visitor on campus. Jane Grant, a seventeen year old English girl, won a trip to Alabama after writing an essay on the importance of youth in the Friendship Force. She stayed a week with Sophomore Jonathon Grimes and Freshman David Grimes as a part of the Friendship Force Exchange Program.

Visiting the U.S. was a new experience to Jane. While here she tasted her first iced tea, rather than hot tea which is served in her native England. In addition,

she noticed many differences in the school systems. "Academics are stressed more in our schools than they are here," Jane commented.

She also mentioned that in England, as in America, "The Who", "Duran Duran", "The Clash", and "The Police", are very popular on the rock scene. Another popular item in England is McDonald's Big Mac.

After an exciting week in the U.S., Jane returned to England where she was required to write a paper about the American school system.

In Search Of Destiny

Auburn University, the University of Alabama, Bessemer Tech., St. Vincent's School of Nursing, and The University of South Alabama were just a few of the colleges represented at college career day. This program, held during October in Main dormitory at the University of Montevallo, gave students the chance to learn more about various universities. Juniors and Seniors were able to speak with representatives as well as obtain pamphlets, applications, and catalogs, from the institutions of their choice. This day not only helps students to decide which college to attend, but also gives insight into various career opportunities.

Seniors David Murphy and Tracy Smitherman discuss the School of Engineering at the University of Alabama with MHS alumni Robert Lightfoot.

Seniors Ricky Dobson and Taylor Blackwell talk with a representative from Auburn at Montgomery about their Athletic program.





Freshman Diana Bush digs through her locker in an effort to find books for her next class.

Cleaning locker clutter is a common chore as shown by Junior Carol Paschel.



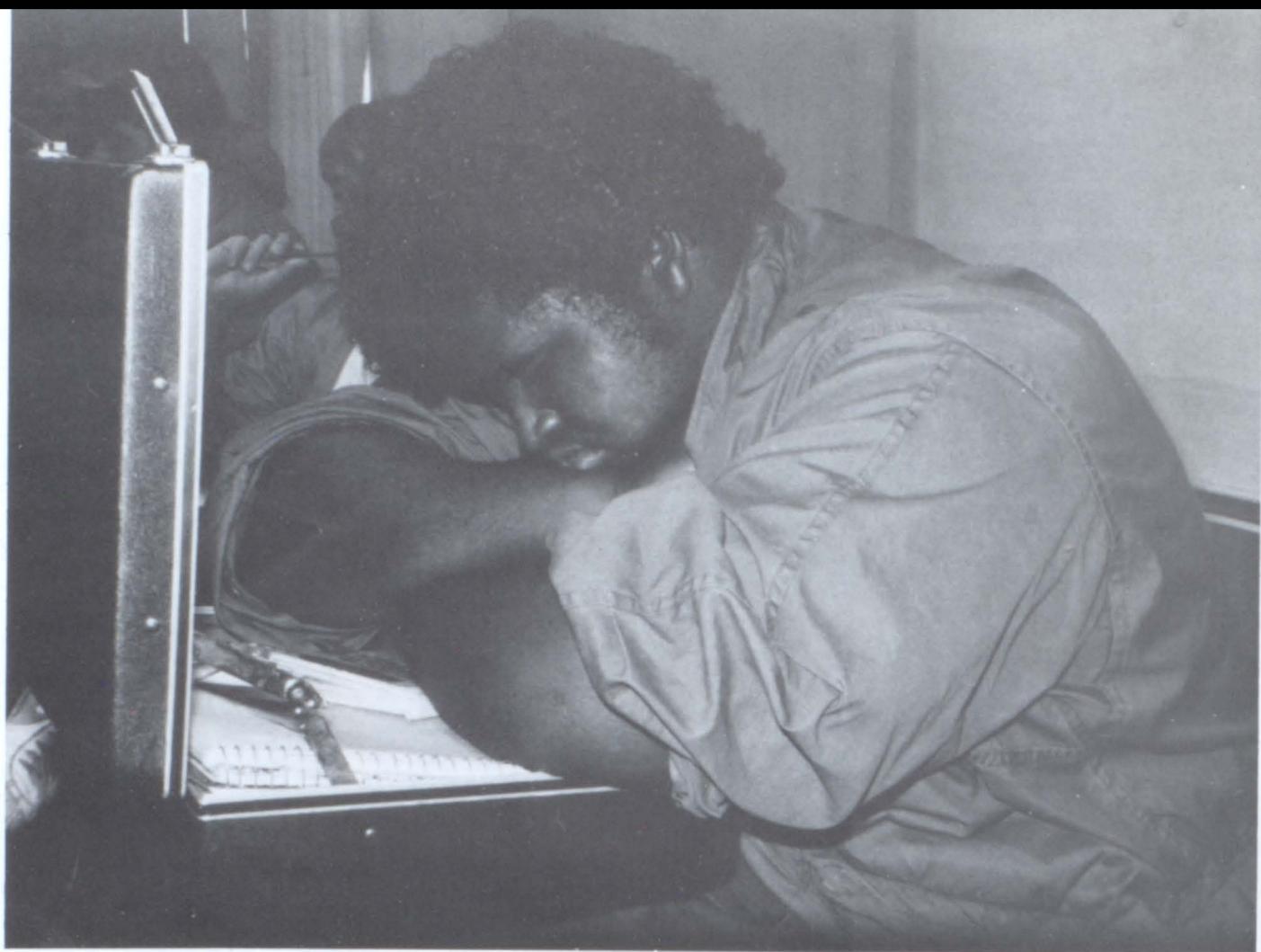
Juniors Freda Carson, Kim Tolbert, and Becky Smith enjoy refreshments provided by the University of Montevallo at College Day activities.

Coming At You!!!!

33-11-7. A click is heard, then locker #63 opens and a shower of books pours out onto the unlucky occupant. This scene is quite familiar in the halls and occurs several times a day. Many pupils stuff their lockers with books, clothes, food, umbrellas, and other essentials until the compartment is so full the owner is bombarded each time the locker is

opened.

On the other hand, there are some students who keep their lockers unbelievably clean and neat. The interiors often reveal the owners' personality. Many decorate their lockers with anything from pictures of friends, rock stars, GQ Men, or beautiful women to philosophical sayings, nametags, and bumperstickers.



Sleeping in class is a common problem for teachers, but a great relaxer for Senior Quenton Smitherman.

Senior Nick Davis catches a quick catnap before continuing the day.



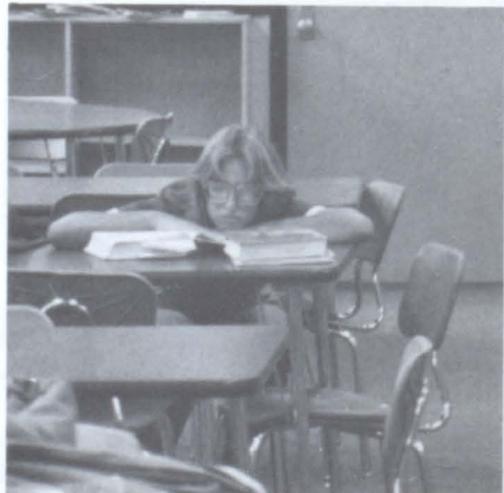
Absolute Repose

Remember the nap time offered in pre-school? If it were offered now, would you turn it down? Most feel that it would come in handy about 10:30 A.M. mid third period, or right after lunch. During this time, the awake and awareness of the new day has worn off and the remnants of the late hours of the night before or the early hours of this morn reappear. This midday ex-

haustion is usually caused by after school jobs or activities that lead into the wee hours.

While studying, Senior Kay Klemenc catches a few Z's.

Exhaustion hits after school, too. Senior Felecia Shockley looks on as Sophomore Leslie Edwards gets some shut-eye.



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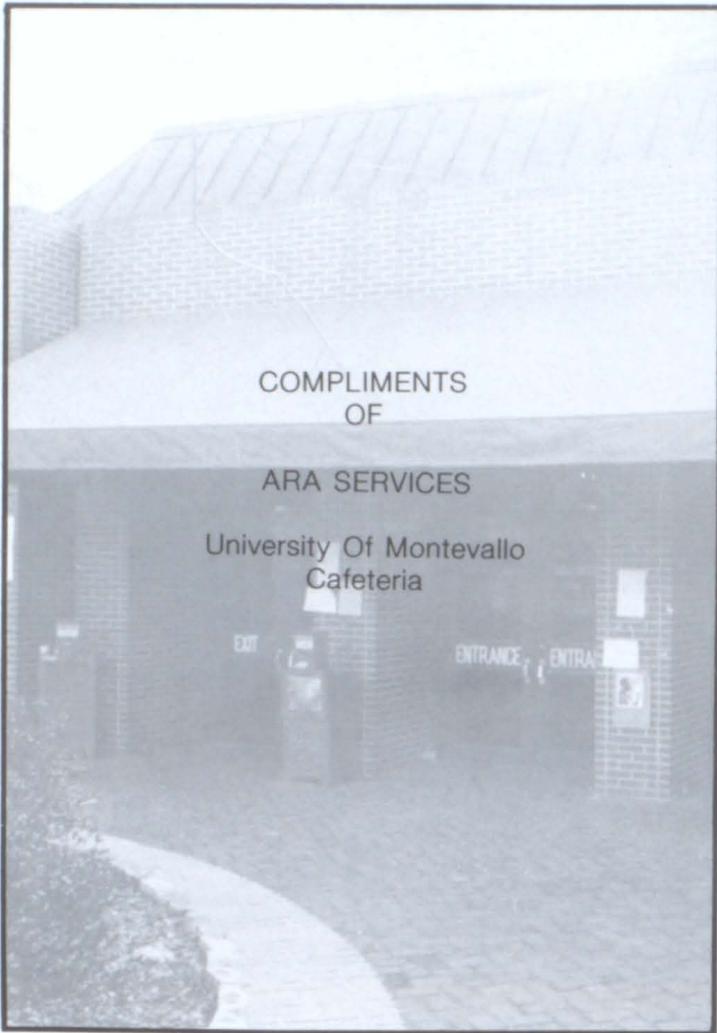
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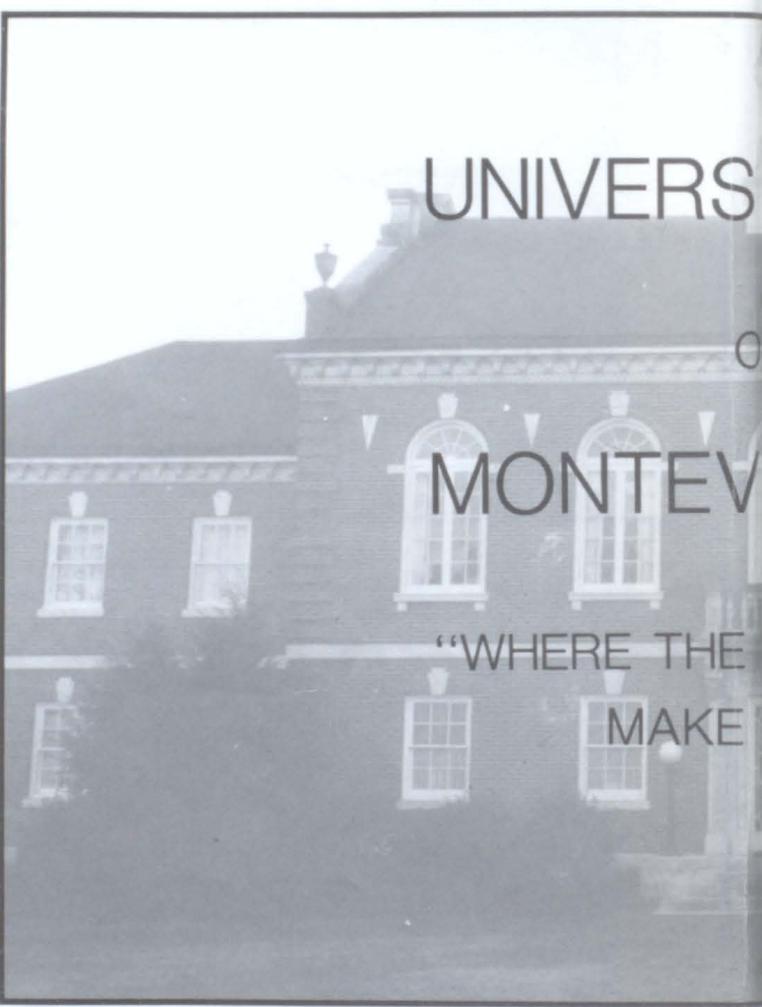
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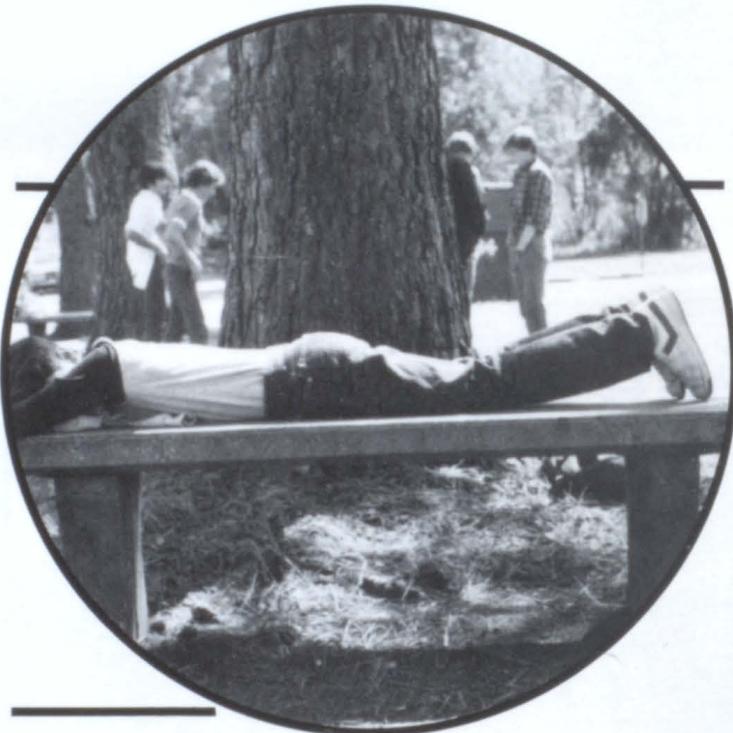
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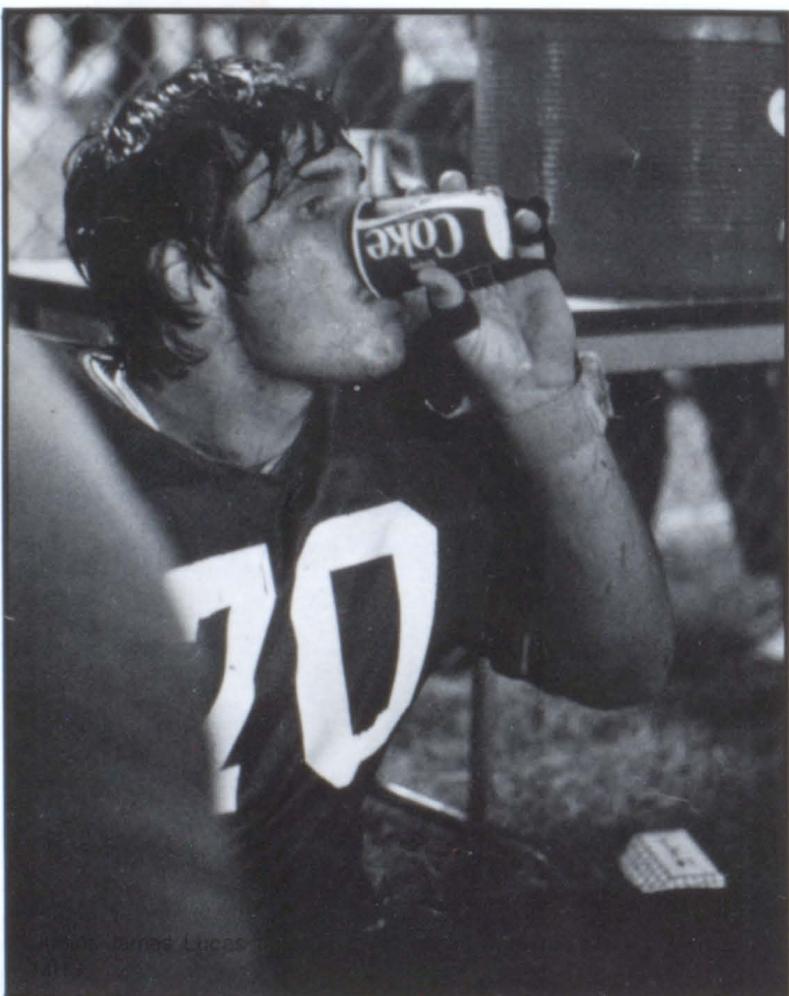


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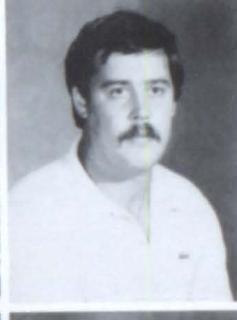
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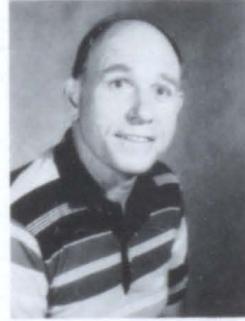
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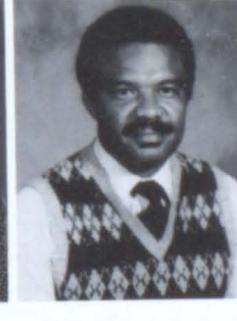
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DeMent Named TEACHER OF THE YEAR For Shelby County

Shelby county teachers learned in the spring what we have known for years — that Ms. Susie DeMent is the Teacher of the Year. From her forty-plus years of teaching, she has earned the admiration and respect not only from her students, but from parents and the administration, as well. Being a perfectionist, she expects perfection from her students, which is a constant challenge to them. Her excitement and enthusiasm are contagious to all near her.



Danny Akers and Lula Bell Moore keep the school facility in good condition.



The lunchroom workers and bus drivers, preparing lunches and providing transportation, are a vital necessity to MHS.



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Cheri Allen. Spanish Club; 1, 2, 3 President; 3, Student Council, 2, 3, 4, Drama Club, 1, 2, 3, 4, Costumes Chairman, 3. Band (Marching). 1, 2, 3, 4. (Symphonic) 2, 3, 4. Math Club, 2. Honor Society, 4. Office Aid, 4.

Ronny Argo. FFA; 1, 2. Fisherman's Club; 1.

Lester Arnold. Track and Field; 1, 2, 3, 4.

Tyrone Bell. FFA; 1, 2. FCA; 1, 2. Basketball Club; 1, 2, 3, 4. Honor Society; 4. Basketball; 1, 2, 3, 4, All County Junior High, Honorable Mention All-County, All Area Region 7.

Taylor Blackwell. Spanish Club; 2, Treasurer, 2. Student Council; 1, 2, 3, 4, President; 4. Montala; 3, 4, Sports Editor; 3, 4, Co-Editor; 4. Honor Society; 4. Basketball Club; 1, 2, 3, 4. Football; 1, 2, 3, 4, Most Pass Interceptions; 2, 3, 4, Outstanding Receiver; 2, Most Pass Deflections; 3, Most Valuable Defensive Back; 3, 4, Most Saves; 4, Team Tri-Captain; 4, 1a, 2a, 3a, First Team Defense- All Metro, All County; 4. Basketball; 1, 2, 3, 4, Best Free Throw; 2, Best Defense; 2, Junior High All County; 1, Calera Classic All Tournament; 2, All Area Team; 4, Unanimous All County; 4, Vincent All Tournament Team; 4, New School Record Shooting For a Single Game (80%), 4, 1a, 2a, 3a, Honorable Mention All Metro; 4, Player of the Week Named by the Birmingham News; 4, MVP Basketball; 4, Team Spirit Basketball; 4, Golf; 2, 3, 4. Weightlifting; 4. Metro Super Stars; 2, Who's Who Best Looking; 4, American Legion Award; 4, Danforth Award; 3. Perfect Attendance; 1. Chess Team; 3, Theron Fisher Award; 4. A/B Honor Roll; 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lisa Brasher. Biology Club; 1. Math Club; 1, 2. Student Council; 1. Drama Club; 2. Marching Band; 1, 2, 3. 10th Grade Homecoming Attendant; 2. Symphonic Band; 3. Concert Band; 1, 2. Spotlight; 3, 4, Assistant Editor; 4. Honor Society; 4. Teacher's Assistant; 4. Office Aid; 3, 4. Junior Class Vice-President; 3. A/B Honor Roll; 1, 2.

Mark Broadhead. FFA; 1, 2, 3. Fisherman's Club; 1, 2. FHA; 1, 2.

Rita Brown. Symphonic Band; 2, 3, 4. Marching Band; 1, 2. Biology Club; 1. Health Careers Club; 3, 4. FFA; 4. FHA; 1. Library Club; 1, 2. Honor Society; 4. Math Club; 2. Spanish Club; 2. Drama Club; 3. Chorus Club; 2. 4-H Horse Club; 1, 2, 3, 4. 4-H Livestock Judging; 2. High Award for Excellence in Basic Algebra 1. Whitehead Scholarship to Judson; 4.

David Bryant. FFA, 1, 2, 3. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Concert Band, 3, 4. FHA, 3.

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James Carter. Drama Club, 1, 2, 3, 4. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Pep Band 2, 3. Math Club, 2. Spanish Club, 1. Honor Society, 4. Library Club, 1. All County Band, 4, First Chair Tuba. A/B Honor Roll, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Cynthia Chapman. FHA, 4.

Jeff Chism. FFA, 1, 2. FHA, 1, 2. Library Club, 1. Football, 1, 2, 3, 4. All County Football, All Area Football, Most Yards, Most Touchdowns. Wrestling, 1, 2, 3, All County, Fourth in State, Most Improved. Track, 1, 2, 3, 4.

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Dale Creel. FFA, 2. Vocational Center, 3, 4.

Carol Dailey. FHA, 1, 2. FCA, 2. Fisherman's Club, 2. Drama Club, 4.

Tammy Darden. FHA, 1.

Laurie Davidson. Drama Club, 2, 3, 4. Honor Society, 4. Secretary. Student Council, 1, 2, 3, 4. Math Club, 1, 2. Spanish Club, 1, 2. Montala, 3, 4. Co-Editor, 4. Treasurer of the Senior Class, 4. DAR Good Citizen Runner-Up, 3. Society of Distinguished High School Students, 4. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Nick Davis. Spanish Club, 1, 2. Math Club, 1, 2. Marching Band, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 3, 4. Publications Staff, 4. Honor Society, 4. Society of Distinguished High School Students, Best All Around, 4. A/B Honor 1, 2, 3, 4. Teacher's Aid, 3. Presidential Scholarship to the University of Montevallo, 4. Kiwanis Club Scholarship, (U of M), 4.

Randy Davis. FFA, 1, 2. Vocational Center, 3, 4.

Shan Davis. Drama Club, 1, 2, 3, 4, President, 4. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4, Drum Major, 3, 4. Biology Club, 1, 2. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Montala, 3, 4. Math Club, 1, 2.

Rick Dobson. Fisherman's Club, 1, 2. FHA, 1, 2. FCA, 1, 2, 3, 4. Drama Club, 1, 2, 3, 4. Health Careers, 3, 4, President, 4. All Star Game Player, All County, All Metro, All State, 4. Basketball, 1, 2, 4. Scholarship to the University of Wouthern Mississippi.

Donita Lee Dunn. Varsity Cheerleader, 3. Student Council, 1, 2. Annual Staff, 1. Paper Staff, 1. French Club, 2. FBLA, b Class Plays, 1, 2. Teacher's Aid. A/B Honor Roll. Library Aid, 4.

Jennifer Edwards. FHA, 1, 2. FBLA, 3. Drama Club, 3, 4. DECA, 4.

Kerry Emfinger. FFA, 1, 2. Fisherman's Club, 1. Baseball, 1.

Kellen Finley. Fisherman's Club, 2. Volleyball Club, 4. Basketball, 2, 4. Volleyball, 2, 4. Track, 3.

Cecil Frost. Health Careers, 4. Drama Club, 4. Spotlight, 3, 4, Sports Editor, 4. FHA, 3, FCA, 2. Elementary P.E. Teacher, 4. Football, 1, 2. Chess Team, 4.

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Jeff Gentry. Basketball, 2, 3, Most Spirit Award, 2. Football, 2, 3, 4. Track and Fields, 2, 3. FFA. VICA.

Barry Goode. FFA, 1, 2. Basketball, 2, 3.

Marcia Grayson. Marching Band, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 3, 4. FHA, 1. Library Club, 1, 2, 3.

Sandy Greer. FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Graylon Guest. Band, 1. FFA, 1, 2, 3. Sentinel, 2.

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Donna Harris. Band, 1, 2, 3. Library Club, 1, 2, 3. FSA, 2, FHA, 1, 2, 3. Student Council, 1. Honor Society, 4. Varsity Cheerleader, 4. Co-Head Cheerleader, 4. Junior Class Officer, 3. Secretary, 3. Homecoming Attendant, 2. Homecoming Queen, 4. Montala, 3.

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Mark Herron. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 2, 3, 4. All County Band, 4. Library Club, 3. Drama Club, 4.

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Jerome Holmes, Fisherman's Club, 1. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3. Pep Band, 2. Basketball, 2, 4.

Lisa Holsumback. FCA, 1. FHA, 1. Fisherman's Club, 1. Volleyball Club, 1. Track, 3. Drama Club, 3.

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Renee Hughes. FHA, 1. Library Club, 3.

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Robby Johnson. FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4. Vice President, 3. President, 4. Football, 1.

Charles Naivar. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. All-State Band, 3, 4. All County Band, 4. Biology Club, 1. Math Club, 1, 2, 3, 4. Drama Club, 1, 2, 3, 4. Baseball, 3. Library Club, 3, 4. Pep Club, 1, 2. A/B Honor Roll, 1, 2, 3, 4. Arion Award, 3. John Phillips Sousa Award, 4.

Sandra Nix. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Library Club, 1, 2, 3. Future Business Leaders of America, 3, 4. FHA, 1, 2, 4. All County Band, 4.

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Shelia Paschel. Library Club, 1, 2. FHA, 1, 2, 3.

Jeff Patrick. Drama Club, 1. FFA, 1, 2, 3. Marching Band, 1, 2, 3, 4. Fisherman's Club, 1. Symphonic Band, 1, 2, 3. Concert Band, 1. Pep Band, 1.

Rick Perry. FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4. Vice President, 4. Football, 1, 2, 3.

Debra Pruitt. FHA, 1, 2, 3. Flag Corps, 3. Library Club, 2. Health Careers, 4. Treasurer, 4. FCA Club, 1, 2, 3. Drama Club, 4. Office Aid, 4.

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A Cut Above

Many believe that when a group joins together and does a job successfully, it is unfair to single out one and honor him. But occasionally there arises a time when one stands above the rest and therefore is recognized for his uniqueness. In our faculty, there is a certain someone who pulls her weight and other's as well.

Colleen Colley holds the title of counselor, but she does much more. Together, she, Mr. Payne, and Miss DeMent arrange the class schedule for the year. Alone, she organizes the freshmen orientation presentation that is made during May by the Honor Society students. She also registers these new students, an average of 110 per year, and the students who move to our school system during the year.

She has advised the Honor Society in and year out since she has been with Montevallo High. With these students, she plans fund raisers for charity groups like the March of Dimes and Multiple Schlerosis. Teacher Appreciation Days are also held for the faculty. On these days, members of the Society bring foods and drinks to her office so that the teachers may stop by during the day for refreshments. At the end of the year, she organizes the Honor Society tappings. For this, she plans speeches, orders chords for the members and holds practices to make sure everything runs smoothly.

All testing, like ACT, SAT, PSAT, ASFAB, AHSEG, CAT, and Basic Competency, are carried out through her. After these results return, she discusses with the group what they made, what the scores mean, and how to use them. On an individual basis, she guides the young adults in their plans to continue their education. This includes College Day Program held at the University of Montevallo, E-Days at Alabama and Auburn, and other special days set aside for high school students held at other institutions. In preparation for college, she sends all high school transcripts and the needed permanent records to the appropriate college.

Within our Community she also plays an extremely important role. She's a Deacon at the University Baptist Church; she gives parties for her husband's counseling students. Not to mention, she always has an ear, a shoulder and a minute when one is needed.

Mrs. Colley shows her spirit on the Friday before the Thompson football game.

On Teacher Appreciation Day, members of the Honor Society bring cookies, cakes, cokes, and make fresh coffee for the teachers to snack on during the day.



Doug Morris and his thermos on his way to lunch.

The popular sport of break is frisbee, as shown by Senior Rick Dobson as he jumps to make the catch.



It's the funniest thing how we, as human beings, never realize what we have until we no longer have it. Actually, if one thinks about it, most people, again being humans, always want what they can't have. We, as teenagers, are told by our elders that these are the best years of our lives. But we, as teenagers, are constantly looking forward to the years to come. Why do we not acknowledge what we have now at present? It's not the high school years that are the best, but what is accomplished during these years. The grades, the changes, the experiences, the people and friends are what makes it worthwhile. During these years all of these strides are taken together, with unity, as one.

Although too much show of affection was prohibited, couples like Junior Lonnie Layton and Sophomore Stann Mahan still shared time together.





... To Be Continued ...

"Now The Excitement Begins" was not chosen just for the theme of this book. It was selected because it symbolizes every day and experience, and change, and feeling that someone has sometime during his or her life. So therefore, it does not end here. It restarts tomorrow, and the next day, and the next, and ...

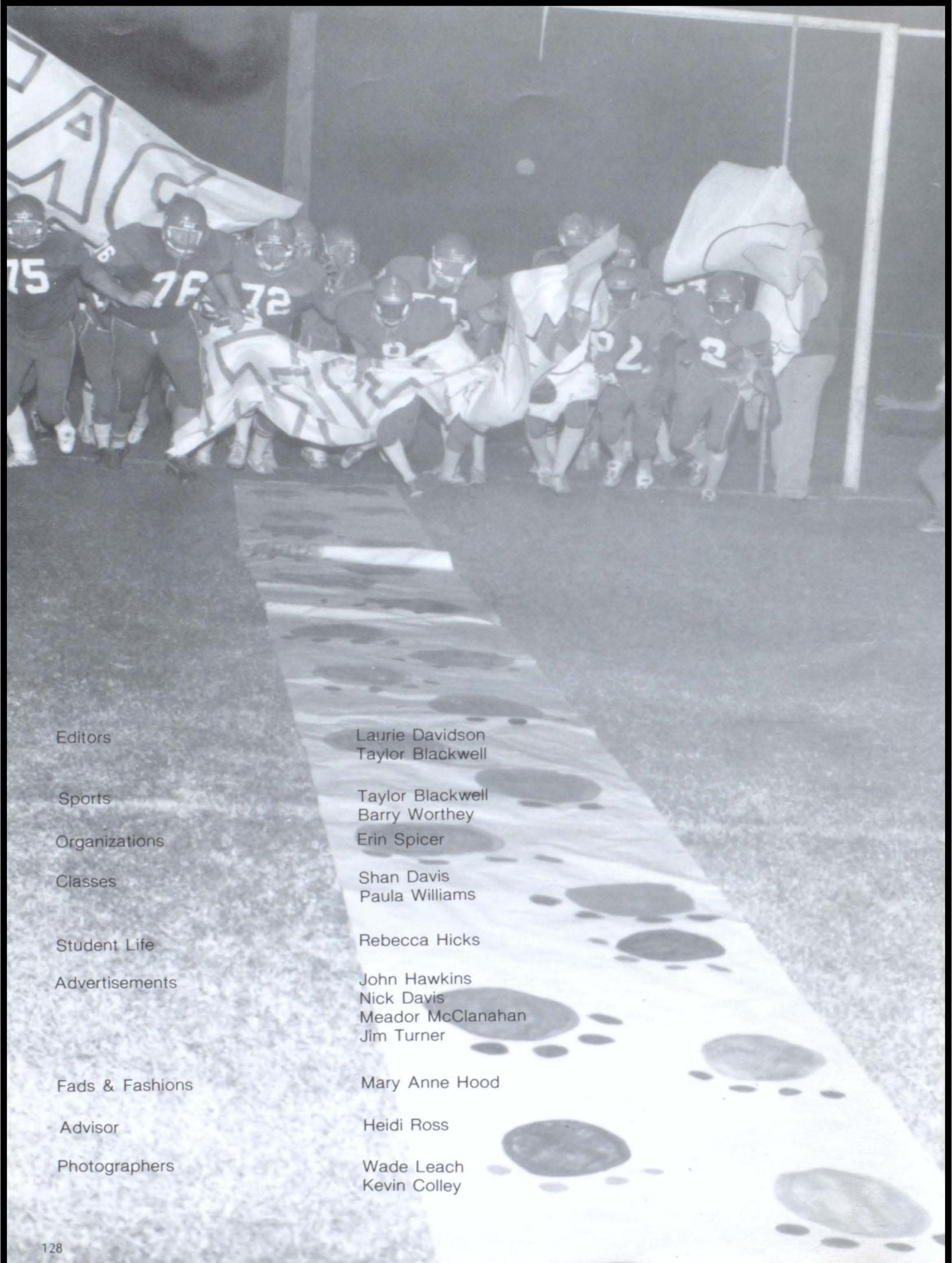


Seniors Meador McClanahan and Nick Davis quinch the thirst built up from playing the Thompson band in football.

Senior Donita Dunn takes a break from the books to have a snack and enjoy a magazine.

Back-pacs and duffle bags proved to be the popular thing to carry books in as shown by Antonio Devold.





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